



How to stay safe online



EasyRead version



When you go **online**, there can be some dangers.



These include scammers who try to steal your information. Or you may see some pictures or films that upset you.

A **scam** is a trick. People who trick online users are called **scammers**.



An email scam comes from someone who you don't know and asks for personal information. Or the sender can ask you to click on a link to a website that is unsafe.



To be safe, only open emails, or click on links when you know who the email came from.



Some websites ask you to register a **username** and **password**. You can make a password safe by adding a letter and a number and a symbol like % or ^.



Remembering passwords can be hard. It is important to keep your passwords private. Only share you passwords or bank details with someone that you really know and trust.



Be careful about sharing private information online. You can find out more about being safe online here:



- tinyurl.com/online-new-friend



If you see some pictures on the internet that upset or scare you, tell someone you trust about them.



Here is some Easy Read information about online safety. You can print it and work through it with someone you trust:



- tinyurl.com/keeping-safe-online-pdf



Here is some more information in EasyRead:

- tinyurl.com/being-online-can-help
- tinyurl.com/getting-online-cheaply
- tinyurl.com/learning-to-use-computers

What the words mean

Password: keeps your information private. It is a made up word using letters, numbers and symbols.

Scam: a trick.

Scammer: a person who tricks online users into sharing private information.

Username: can be your own name or something you make up.



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