



# Secure your Browsing

Online Security Course

# What you'll learn by complete this 7 part course :

Part 1:

What is Online Security?

Part 2:

Creating Strong & Safe Passwords

Part 3:

Spotting Phishing & Fake Emails

Part 4:

Secure Browsing Habits

Part 5:

Protecting your Devices

Part 6:

Public Internet & Safe Internet Use

# Why safe browsing matters?



Every time you go online — whether to check email, read the news, or shop — you're interacting with **websites**, and not all of them are safe.

Hackers often create **fake websites** or attach viruses to files that look harmless. One wrong click can:

- Infect your device with a virus
- Steal your login info or payment details
- Trick you into installing something dangerous

# What does a safe website look like?

## ✔ Look for:

- “**https://**” in the URL (the “s” stands for secure)
- A small **padlock icon** 🔒 in the address bar
- A **clear and familiar website name**
  - Example: <https://www.google.com> ✔
  - Not: <http://g00gle-login-support.xyz> ✘



**Tip:** Always **double-check the URL** before logging in to any site.

# Common traits of **\*\*BAD\*\*** websites

1. Have weird or long web addresses
2. Ask for personal info too quickly
3. Are full of ads or pops-ups
4. Offer “free” things that seem too good to be true (like moves or software)



# Real world Example:

**Story:** David searched online for a free version of microsoft word. He clicked a link and downloaded a file, but it wasn't Word it was a virus that slowed down his computer and stole his login info.

# Safe Downloading Practices

## One

Only download from trusted sources: Google Play store, Apple App store or Official website.

## Three

Never download files sent by strangers in emails or DMs.

## Two

Avoid file sharing or torrent sites. Ex. sites that allow you to obtain “free” movies stream, music or other media types.

## Four

Scan downloads with antivirus software if possible.

# Take Action

**Before logging into a website:**

Look at the web address (URL)

Ask: Does it start with **https**? Does the site name look correct?

If not sure, **don't enter your info**. Close the tab and search for the official site manually.

**Tip:** Always start with google or bookmarks when visiting a site note from random links in emails or messages.



# Next Lesson

**Protecting your devices**