

Online Scams



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Hi, I'm Kate. We're here to learn how to protect ourselves from online scams. We'll follow along with Kevin to learn what types of scams are out there, how to recognize the warning signs, how to respond when you see a scam, and how to report a scam.

Ready to get started? Click on the green button to continue.

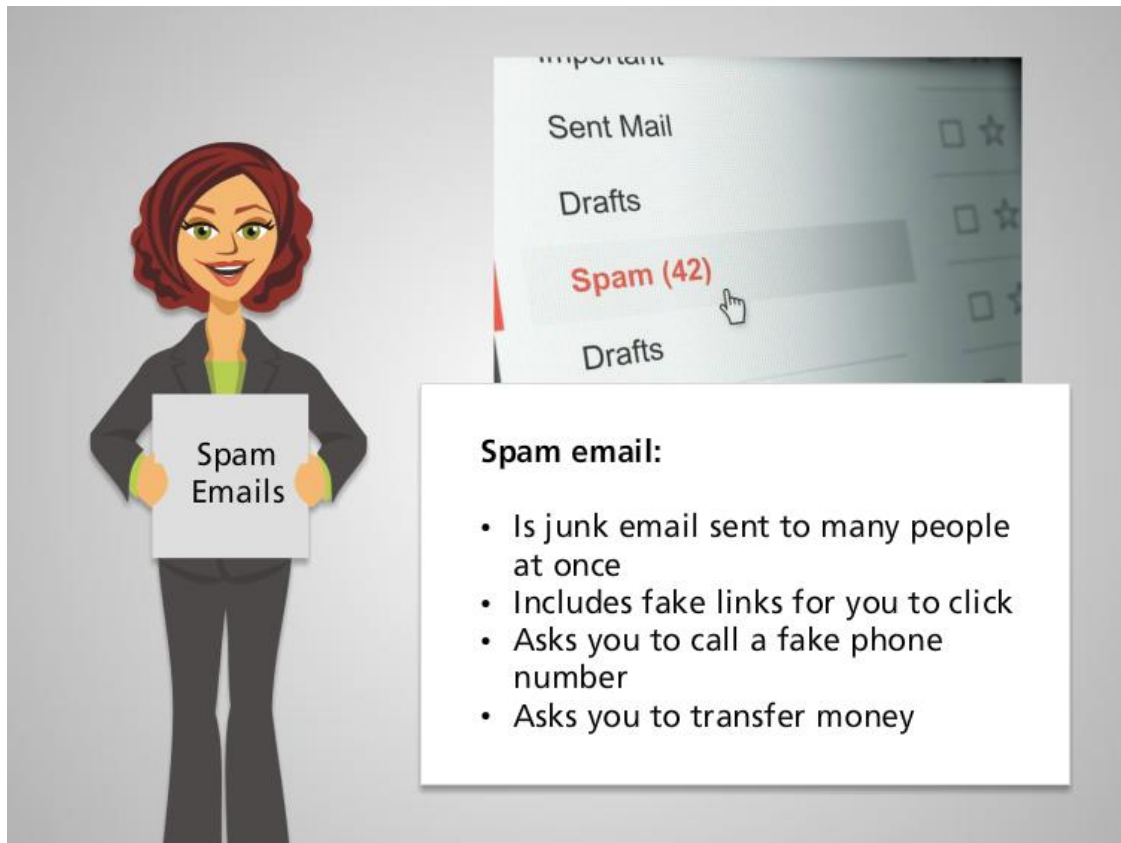


Online scams can come in many shapes and forms. You may encounter them on a website, in an email message, including a type of scam called phishing, or in a pop up window. **Let's look at some examples. Click on each button to learn more.**



Website Scams

Many websites are not trustworthy. They may try to infect your computer with a virus or lure you into giving them money or personal information. Others may simply try to convince you to click on ads, or give information that is not accurate.



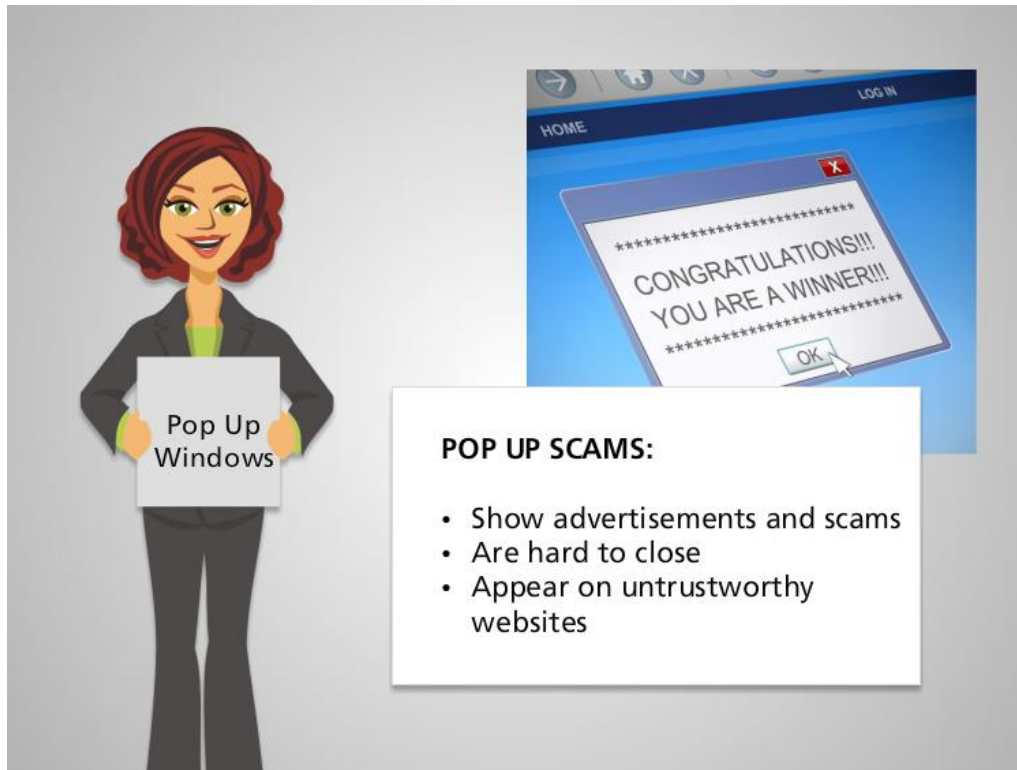
Spam Emails

Junk email, or spam, is almost always fraudulent. These emails are sent to thousands of people at the same time. They try to lure people into clicking on links in the messages, calling a fake number, or even transferring money to the sender.



Phishing

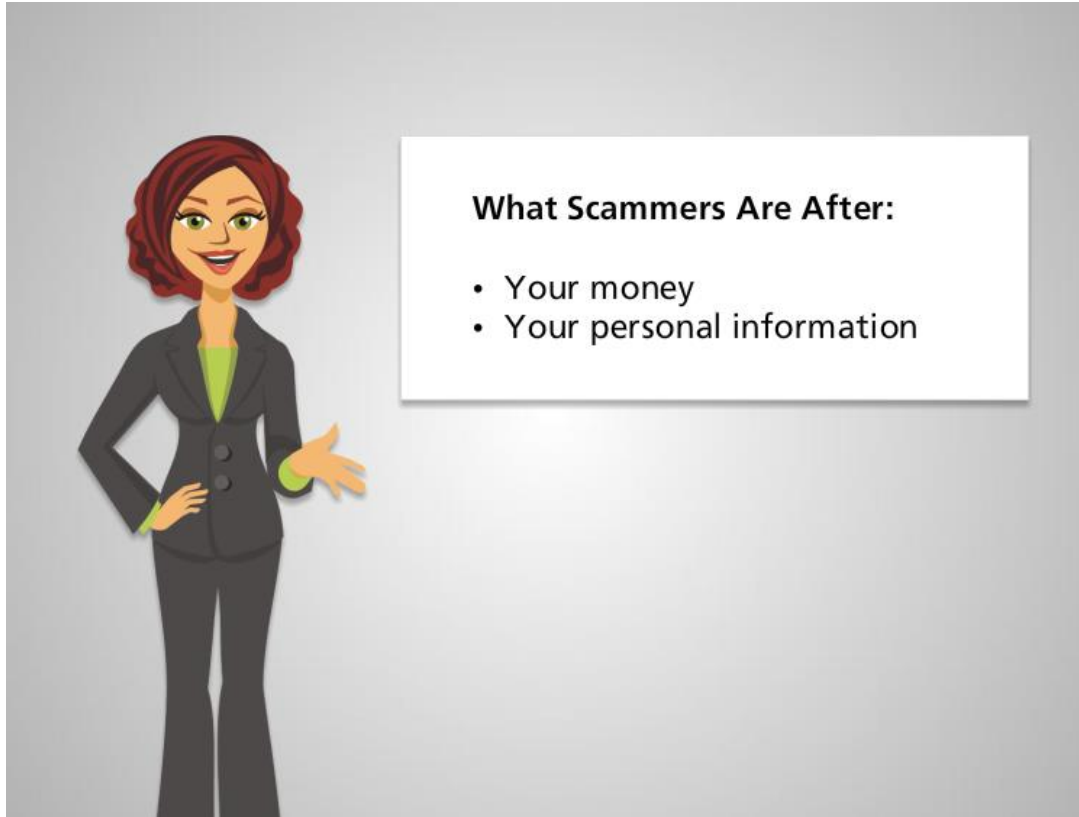
Phishing is a common type of scam. This is when a website or email claims to be a real organization, like the IRS or a bank. Scammers pretend to be an organization **that you've heard of to win your trust. Then they ask you for your personal information, or try to get you to visit a fraudulent website.**



Pop-Up Windows

Some websites will open pop-up advertisements that are hard to close. This is a sure sign that the website is not to be trusted.

Great! Now that you've learned about these four types of scams, click the green button to continue.



No matter what form a scam takes, scams usually have the same goals: to steal your money or collect information like your passwords or credit card numbers. Scams can also cause problems for your computer by infecting it with viruses or malware.

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The correct answer is All of the Above.

That's right! It's important to guard against scams to keep your information safe.