



TIP SHEET SERIES NO.6

Be careful while shopping online!

Online shopping is one of the most important conveniences that modern technology has brought to us. It is the best alternative for those who do not like crowded places or long queues. In addition, with mobile payment solutions, online shopping has become easier in recent years. However, online purchases also bring some risks.

Due to the nature of e-commerce and thousands of online store options, it can be difficult to know if users are dealing with a fake merchant or fraudster. Therefore online shopping security has become an important issue for anyone shopping online. The following suggestions can be implemented for a safe online shopping.

■ **Make Research**

If you order on the internet from a new website, make research to review the comments, positive or negative experiences of other consumers on this site.

■ **Delete if you suspect**

Links in e-mails, messages, and texts are often the means by which cybercriminals use to take over your computer.

■ **Protect Your Personal Information**

When shopping online, be aware of the diversity of personal information collected. Consider whether the information requested is necessary. Just make sure you give the necessary information.

■ **Use Secure Payment Methods**

Credit cards are generally the safest choice; because buyers can get their money back when the product is not shipped.

■ **Don't get Dissatisfied**

Read refund and other policies, if purchases do not go as planned, at least you'll know what to expect.

■ **Protect Your Money**

When shopping, make sure that site security is provided. Do your online shopping at sites beginning with <https://>. as these sites are taking additional measures to keep your information safe.

■ **Keep Your Machines Clean**

Use the latest versions of the appropriate antivirus software and applications to protect all web-connected devices, including PCs, smartphones, and tablets, from malware and infections.

■ **Increase Account Security**

Strengthen your online accounts by enabling the strongest authentication tools. Usernames and passwords are not enough to protect important accounts such as email, banking, and social media.

■ **Create Better Passwords**

Using different passwords for each account, create at least 8-character passwords with capital letters, numbers, and symbols.