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Shopping Safely Online

The holiday season usually offers people the opportunity to shop for gifts for their loved ones. If you are planning on doing your holiday shopping from the comfort of your home, there are some simple rules you can follow to keep your financial information safe and avoid scammers.

- Use well known, reputable websites and vendors to do your shopping.
- If you buy from an unknown store that has prices that are significantly lower than other well-established stores, it is possible you are buying counterfeit or stolen merchandise, or that you may never receive the item you purchased at all.
- One of the biggest indicators of a scam is a website URL that is very similar to, but slightly different from the true website.
- Ship to a location you know someone can be available to bring it inside or send it to a secure location.
- Protect yourself against malicious software by only downloading apps from places like Galaxy Apps, the App Store, Amazon App Store, and Google Play.

Ohio DC is here to help guide you along the path to a secure retirement and sometimes that starts with providing educational information about how to develop and maintain secure online habits. If you would like more information about how Ohio DC can help, call our Service Center at 877-644-6457 or visit Ohio457.org to learn more about Ohio DC.

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