

Spotting Phishing Tricks

Stay Sharp.

Stay Safe.

What's phishing?

Phishing is when someone sends a fake message pretending to be your bank, a delivery service, the government, or even a friend, just to trick you into clicking a link or handing over personal info.

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our website**



Childline – 0800 1111 – childline.org.uk
The Mix – themix.org.uk
Ditch the Label – ditchthelabel.org
Report Harmful Content – reportharmfulcontent.com

What do fake messages look like?

“ Your bank account is locked, click here now ! ”

“ You’ve won a prize, claim it by logging in ”

“ You have a parcel, pay a small fee ”

“ It’s your mate, can you send money quickly? ”

These messages feel urgent - but they’re traps.

Look out for the signs:

- Does the message make you feel rushed and panicked
- Are they asking for your passwords, bank info, or codes
- Are the spellings and grammar in the message correct - online criminals are from all over the World.
- Does it come out of nowhere or feel ‘off’

What you can do:

- ➔ Don’t click links, go straight to the real website or app
- ➔ Trust your gut, if it feels dodgy, it probably is
- ➔ Ask someone, show a trusted adult if you’re unsure
- ➔ Block and report the sender

Already clicked something. Don’t panic:

- ➔ Tell an adult immediately
- ➔ Change your password
- ➔ Check the account for anything unusual
- ➔ Report it at phishing.gov.uk or to your app/site

Mistakes happen. Speaking up is the smart move.