



# CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS DAY 19

Let's talk about  
**QR Code Scams**

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# QR Code Scams: Not Every Scan Is Safe

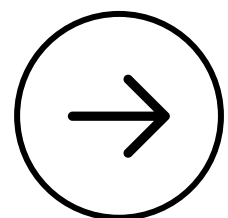


In 2025, not every QR code leads where you think.

From restaurant tables to street posters scams now hide in plain sight.

Swipe to learn how to spot fake QR codes before they spot you.

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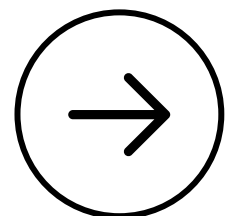
# What Are QR Code Scams?



QR (Quick Response) codes are those black-and-white squares we scan for easy access.

QR code scams involve:

- Fake QR codes that lead to malicious websites
- QR codes that steal your personal data
- QR codes that install malware on your device



# Why It Matters in 2025

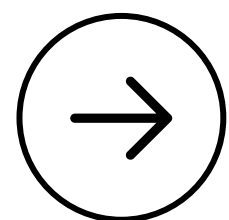


QR codes are everywhere in public transport, restaurants, business cards, posters, and job ads.

But the more convenient they get, the harder it becomes to tell real from fake.

Even cybersecurity pros have been fooled by cloned QR links.

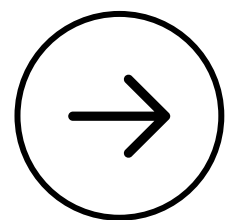
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# How do QR Code Scams Work?



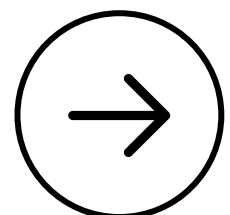
- **Sticker Swaps:** Fake codes placed over legitimate ones.
- **AI Phishing Pages:** Fake sites that mimic real brands perfectly.
- **Shortened URLs:** Links that hide the real destination.
- **Social Media Ads:** “Scan to win” promos that lead to malware sites.



# Red Flags to Watch Out For



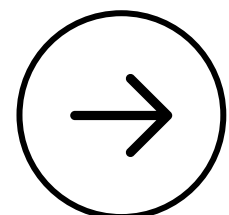
- QR codes in unexpected locations
- QR codes that ask for personal or financial information
- QR codes that lead to suspicious websites



# How to Scan Safely



- Use your phone's official QR scanners.
- Cross-check the website name before entering details.
- Never share passwords or OTPs after scanning.
- Keep your mobile browser + antivirus updated.
- When in doubt, type the website manually instead of scanning.

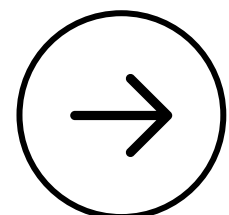


# If You Scanned a Bad QR



- Turn off Wi-Fi & mobile data immediately
- Change passwords (especially if you logged in)
- Run antivirus and uninstall suspicious apps
- Contact your bank if any payment was made

Stay safe ,Stay secure.







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