ASM: ANTI SCAM MODULE

Title: Understanding and Recognizing Online Scams: A Guide by USEIND

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- Fake tech support calls
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- Examples of popular remote connection software used in scams (e.g., AnyDesk, TeamViewer)

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- Unsolicited calls claiming to be tech support
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- Pressure tactics to act quickly
- Payment requests for supposed services

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- Verify the identity of the caller or email sender

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- Be cautious of unexpected requests for remote access
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- How to report scams to relevant authorities
- Contacting legitimate customer support channels
- Utilizing scam protection services like USEIND

Chapter 7: Conclusion

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- Encouragement to stay vigilant and informed against online scams

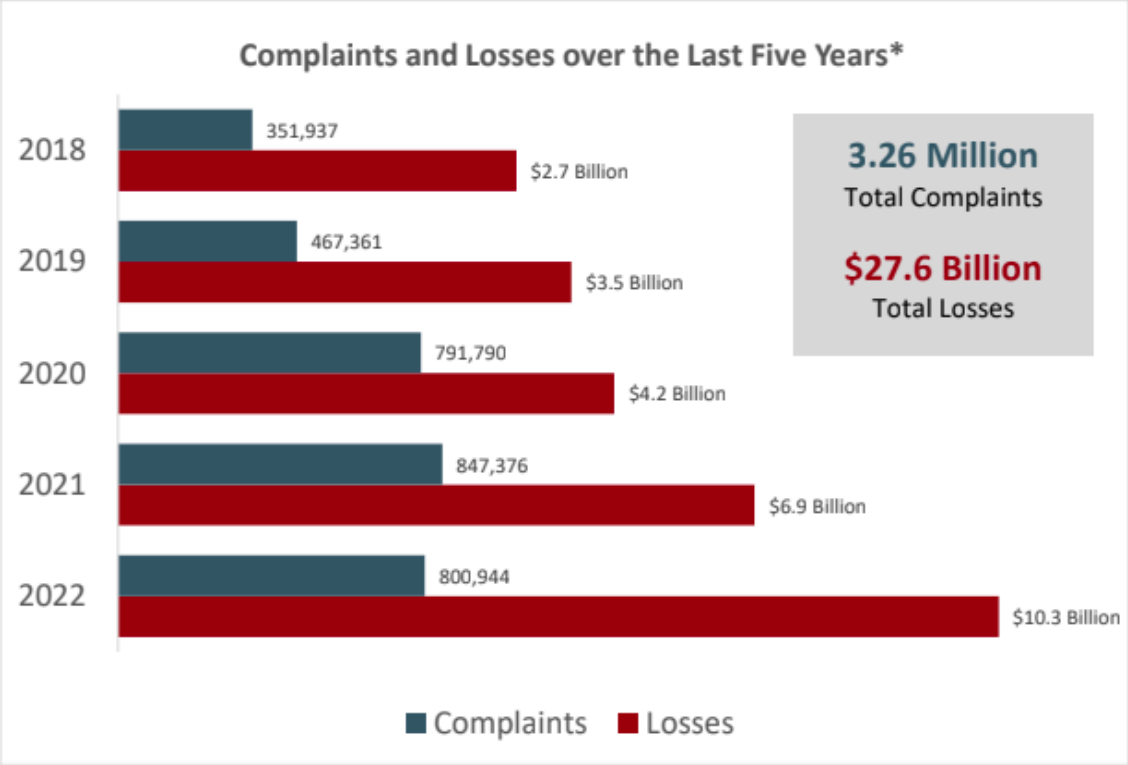
Note: This landscape PDF is designed to provide concise yet comprehensive information on recognizing and protecting oneself against online scams, with a particular focus on remote connection software scams.

Chapter 1: Introduction to Online Scams

Online scams have become increasingly prevalent in recent years, posing a significant threat to individuals and businesses alike. According to a report by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), consumers reported losing over $3.3 billion to fraud in 2020 alone. This highlights the urgent need for scam protection measures in today's digital landscape.

Infographic Idea:

- Graph showing the rising trend of reported online scams over the past decade



Chapter 2: Common Types of Online Scams

Online scams come in various forms, but some of the most common include phishing emails and websites, fake tech support calls, social engineering scams, and remote connection software scams. Phishing attempts often involve deceptive emails or websites that mimic legitimate companies to steal personal information. Fake tech support calls typically claim to be from reputable companies like Microsoft or Apple, tricking individuals into providing access to their devices or financial information.

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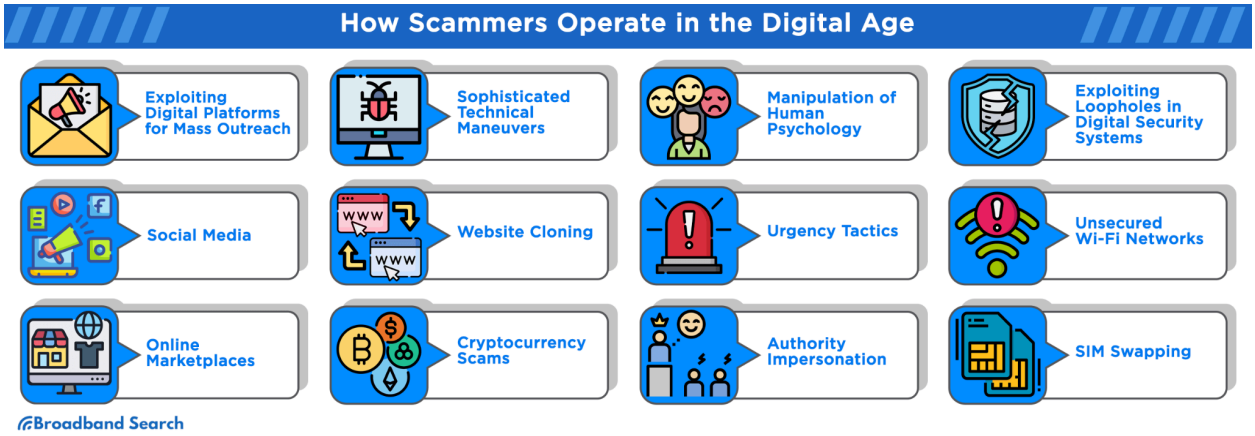

- Visual representation of the different types of online scams with examples

How to spot red flags for banking scams

Scammers use tricks to gain access to your personal and account info. This can lead to everything from fraudulent withdrawals from your bank account to unauthorized charges on your credit card.

The best way to protect yourself is to learn to identify common red flags, and then take action.

AND REMEMBER:

No reputable financial institution – including Synovus – will ever call or email you to ask for your personal info.

Red flags by phone:

Commonly called ***vishing***

- **You receive a call or text from your bank, but the person doesn't have basic info you'd expect them to have.**
  Examples include your social security number, account number, or mailing address.
- **The caller claims they're from a bank you do business with, but something doesn't sound right.**
  For example, they might mispronounce the name of the financial institution.
- **The person doesn't reference specifics about your account and instead asks you for basic account info.**
  No bank would call to ask you for this since they'd already have this info on file.

Red flags by text:

Commonly called ***smishing***

- **You get a text that seems to be from your bank, warning you that there's a problem with your account requiring immediate attention.**
  The message asks you to respond with passwords, authentication codes, or personal and financial info.

Red flags by email:

Commonly called ***phishing***

- **You receive an email that says it's from your bank. It asks you to reply with your address, social security number, account number, password, or any other personal info.**
  Any bank you do business with will already have this info.
- **The email asks you to click on a link, which takes you to a page to enter your user ID and password.**
  This is most likely a fake website created by hackers, designed to make you think you're on your bank's website.

If you suspect a scam, call the customer service number on your credit card, debit card, or printed bank statement.

Other tips for protecting yourself against scammers

Freeze your credit reports with the big three credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. If scammers get your info, they can't open any credit in your name.

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Chapter 3: Remote Connection Software Scams

Remote connection software, such as AnyDesk and TeamViewer, are legitimate tools used for remote access and technical support. However, scammers often exploit these tools to gain unauthorized access to victims' devices. They may pose as technical support agents and convince individuals to download the software, granting them remote access to steal sensitive information or install malware.

Infographic Idea:

- Comparison between legitimate use and misuse of remote connection software

Chapter 4: Red Flags of Remote Connection Scams

Content:

There are several warning signs that can help individuals identify remote connection scams. These include unsolicited calls or emails claiming to be from tech support, requests for remote access to your device without prior arrangement, pressure tactics to act quickly, and demands for payment for supposed services.

Infographic Idea:

- Checklist of red flags to watch out for in remote connection scams

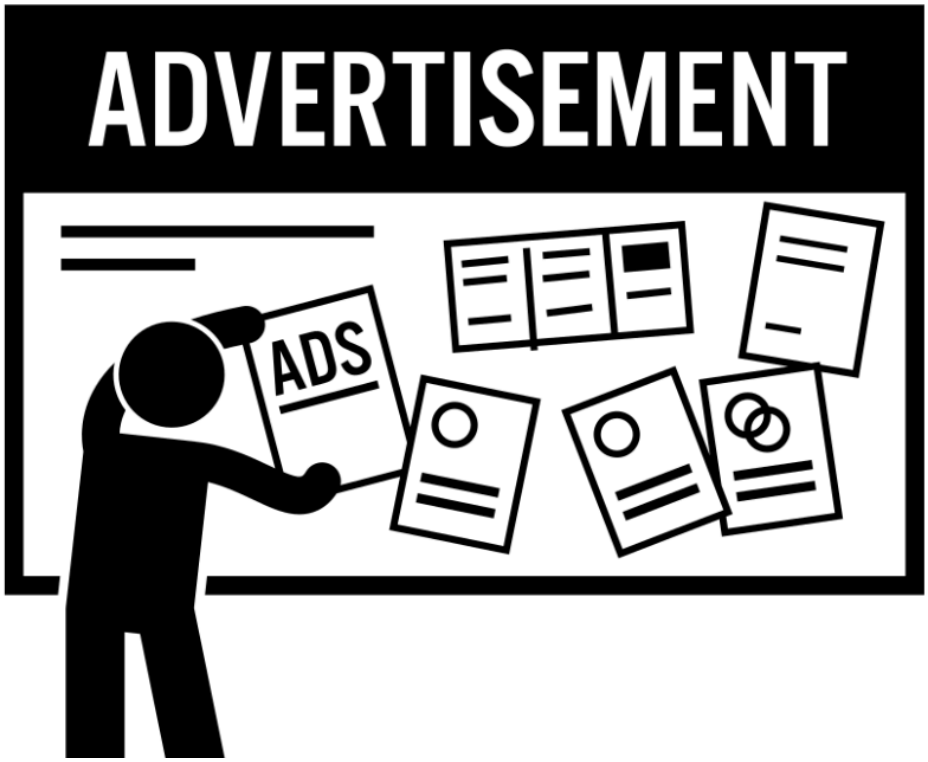
Chapter 5: Protecting Yourself from Remote Connection Scams

Content:

To protect yourself from remote connection scams, it's essential to verify the identity of the caller or email sender before granting access to your device. Avoid giving out personal information over the phone or online, and be cautious of unexpected requests for remote access. Educating yourself and others about common scams can also help prevent falling victim to these schemes.

Infographic Idea:

- Step-by-step guide to safeguarding against remote connection scams



Chapter 6: Reporting Scams and Seeking Assistance

If you encounter a scam or suspect fraudulent activity, it's crucial to report it to the relevant authorities, such as the FTC or your local consumer protection agency. Additionally, legitimate customer support channels can provide assistance if you've been targeted by a scam. Services like USEIND offer scam protection and assistance in connecting individuals with genuine customer support representatives.

Infographic Idea:

- Flowchart illustrating the process of reporting scams and seeking assistance

Chapter 7: Conclusion

In conclusion, staying informed and vigilant is key to protecting yourself against online scams, including remote connection software scams. By recognizing red flags, implementing protective measures, and seeking assistance when needed, individuals can reduce their risk of falling victim to fraudulent schemes.

Infographic Idea:

- Summary of key takeaways from the guide with actionable tips for scam protection