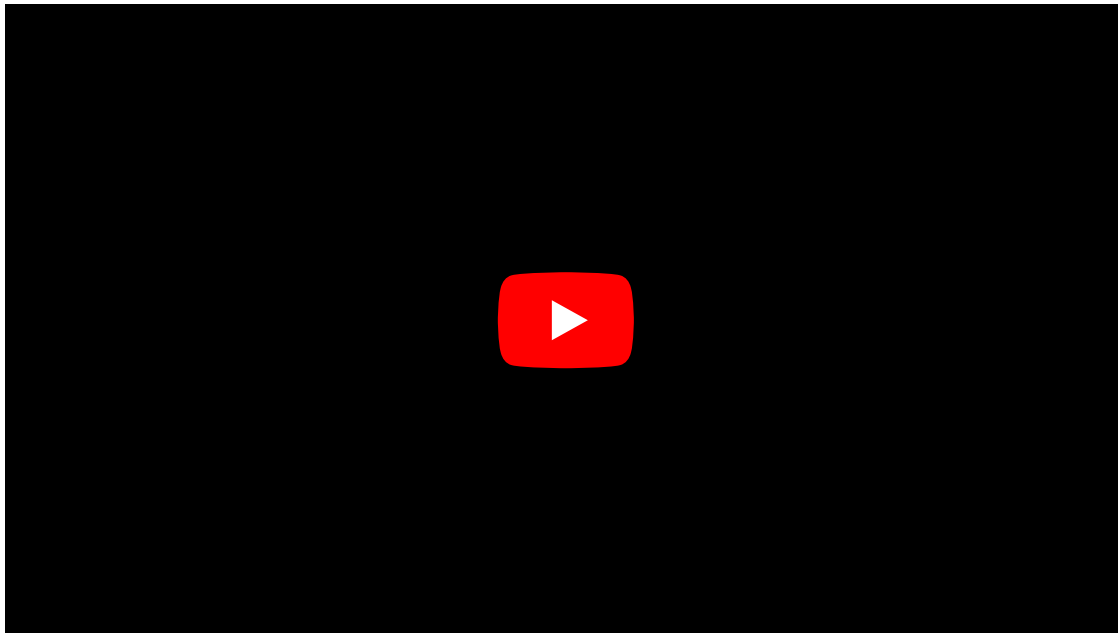


Tip 4: Avoid Scams



Summary

Know how to identify scams online. If someone offers you some new shoes, a free iPad or an all expense paid trip to Hawaii, you should be suspicious. These offers might seem harmless, but these could be dangerous ways to get your personal information.

Text

Welcome to the Google Online Safety Roadshow. We're here to teach you a few things you need to know so you can stay safe online and enjoy all of the fun things that the web has to offer.

Avoid scams! Everyone knows you never take candy from a stranger, right? The same principle applies online. If someone offers you candy... [woman screams] Some new shoes... [woman retches] A tablet... Or told you you won a trip to Hawaii... You should be suspicious. This might seem harmless, but these could be very dangerous ways to lure you in and steal your passwords or even your identity.

This is known as phishing. Phishing is the act of attempting to acquire information such as usernames, passwords, and personal details by pretending to be a trustworthy source. By knowing how to identify a phishing scam, you can protect yourself and your things. When in doubt, ask a parent, teacher, or trusted adult.

So be aware, and avoid scams.

Quiz

What is the main message of the Google Online Safety Roadshow in the text?

- A. Accept offers from strangers online.
- B. Be cautious and avoid online scams.
- C. Trust all online messages.
- D. Share personal information willingly.

What is the text's analogy for online scams?

- A. Taking candy from a stranger.
- B. Accepting gifts from friends.
- C. Ignoring suspicious emails.
- D. Engaging in harmless online activities.

What is phishing, according to the text?

- A. A harmless online activity.
- B. Identifying trustworthy sources.
- C. Acquiring information through deception.
- D. Accepting offers from strangers.

How does the text suggest protecting oneself from phishing scams?

- A. Share personal details with strangers.
- B. Ask a parent, teacher, or trusted adult when in doubt.
- C. Engage with suspicious messages.
- D. Trust all online messages.

What is the overall tone of the text regarding online offers and messages?

- A. Excitement and encouragement.
- B. Fear and caution.
- C. Indifference and apathy.
- D. Trust and acceptance.