**Steps for recognizing scam calls and messages**

Steps 1: stay calm – don’t react quickly

* Scammers try to create panic or excitement.
* Example: “your account will be blocked!” or “you won 1,00,000!”

Step 2: check the caller or sender

* Unknown number or email! Be careful.
* Use apps like truecaller to check unknown number.

Step 3:look for mistakes

* Messages with spelling mistakes or bad grammar are often scams.
* Example: “ur accnt will b blockd .plz end otp.

Step 4:don’t click on links

* Never click on suspicious or unknown links.
* Scam links may look like:

<http://freegift-win.com>

step 5:never share personal info

never share :

* OTP
* Password
* bank pink
* Aadhar/pan details

Step 6:use online tools to check

* VirusTotal.com 🡪 check if a link is dangerous.
* Google 🡪search the message to see if it’s a known scam.

Step 7: report the scam

* In SMS app: top 🡪 “report as spam”
* In email: click🡪”report phishing”
* Inform parents or teachers

Step 8: follow the rule: STOP – THINK – CHECK

* Before clicking or replying, always: STOP, THINK, and CHECK if it’s safe.