

Quick How-To:

How to Spot a Fake Website

Who is this for?

This guide is for learners who want to stay safe online by learning how to recognize fake websites that try to trick people into sharing personal information.

Step-by-Step Instructions

Step 1: Look at the Website Address (URL)

- Real sites often end in **.gov**, **.org**, or **.com**.
- Watch for misspellings or extra words (like amaz0n.com or bank-login-help.com).



Step 2: Check for the Lock Icon

- A small lock before the website address means it's secure.



- If there's no lock, or says 'Not Secure', don't enter personal info.

Step 3: Look at the Design and Language

- Fake sites often have blurry logos, spelling mistakes, or strange grammar.
- If it looks odd or unfinished, trust your instincts.

Step 4: Don't Click Suspicious Links

- If an email or text says to '**click here urgently**', it might lead to a fake site.
- Instead, type the web address yourself or call the organization directly.

You Did It!

You're learning to read the signs and keep your online path safe and strong.