

## Tips for Online Shopping

You don't need to worry as there are ways to make sure your information stays safe and secure. Below are a few tips

1. Before signing up at any site that requires more than your first name and email address make sure it is a secure site. Look at the address when you click the register button, it should start as https:// this means the protocol is secure, you can also with some browsers look either in the lower right and corner or around the address bar and see a padlock. If it is in the locked position the site is secure. This is especially important in check out. This is where you enter your credit card information.
2. Check to see if the site is registered with a hacker safe program or a program that monitors the site for fraud.
3. Check the online privacy notice and make sure the site shares your information with no one, either by paid or shared. You DO NOT want your information to be shared.
4. If it is not stated ask the site owner if they regularly dump credit card information. This is vital in case their site is hacked.
5. Check the sites shipping and return policy and verify your agreement. If you feel uncomfortable trust your instincts. There are other sites that will have the item you are looking for. Do a search for the product and find the site that suits your requirements.
6. Read and understand the sites terms and conditions. If the site has none be wary. All reputable companies have a term and condition and you should know it.
7. Read the company information. Is the site domestic or foreign? This is important when you have your product shipped. Does this site have a contact form for any questions you may have?

There are other concerns that you may have and if so do not hesitate to contact the site owner.

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