

# THINK before you CLICK

## Tips to avoid COMPUTER SCAMS

### Don't respond...

to emails from people you don't know or to emails you didn't expect. Never send bank account or credit card information by email. Never send money to anyone who asks you to cash a check or money order for them and send money back or to a third person. If the request comes from someone you know, verify the story first.

### Never click...

on a link or download an attachment without verifying its authenticity. Find an independent contact number, **not the number listed on the email or website**, to confirm that the email is legitimate, if you're suspicious.

### Do your homework...

before buying prescription drugs online. If you do buy, contact the **National Association of Boards of Pharmacy** at [www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net) or call **847-391-4406** to verify that the seller is licensed. Look for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's "VIPPS" seal on the website, as proof that the site has met state and federal requirements.

### Make sure...

your computer has adequate security software and update the software often. Speak with a computer-savvy friend to select the one that is best for you.

If you get a pop-up message saying your computer has been infected with a virus, don't click on it, **not even to close out!** Immediately shut down the computer.

### Beware of people you meet through the internet...

especially if they claim to be rich or living abroad, or make excuses why they can't talk to you on the phone or meet you in person.

### Never send money to someone you have not met in person...

no matter how compelling or heart-wrenching the story may be.



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