Safe Online Shopping and Payments - Checklist

Before You Buy - Site & Seller Safety

- Research the seller or platform (check reviews, search for scams)

- Verify the website uses HTTPS and has a trusted domain

- Avoid shopping through email links or pop-up ads

- Check for typos, design flaws, or missing legal pages

Payment & Checkout Safety

- Use secure payment methods (credit card, PayPal, virtual cards)

- Avoid bank transfers or payments via chat apps

- Do not save payment info on unfamiliar websites

- Only provide required information, not extras

- Verify confirmation emails and receipts carefully

Protect Your Account and Device

- Use strong, unique passwords for shopping accounts

- Shop only from secure, updated devices

- Avoid public Wi-Fi - or use a VPN if needed

- Track orders using official websites or apps

If Something Goes Wrong

- Report unrecognized charges to your bank immediately

- Save transaction records and screenshots

- Report fake shops or phishing links to relevant authorities