

STOP. THINK. CHECK.

Before you click a link, reply to a message or send money:

1 STOP

Take a moment.

2 THINK

Does this feel unusual or too urgent?

3 CHECK

Can I check this another way?

REMEMBER

- ✓ It's okay to take your time
- ✓ It's okay to check with someone you trust



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NEED HELP?

You don't have to figure it out on your own.

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Scams and fraud advice



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STAY SAFE ONLINE



Simple steps to help you feel confident and protected online.

STOP. THINK. CHECK.

If something doesn't feel right, take a moment before you act.

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

Pause if someone:



Gets in touch unexpectedly



Tells you to act quickly



Asks for money, bank details or passwords



Sends a link you weren't expecting

CHECK ANOTHER WAY

Contact the person, bank or company using a phone number or website you already know and trust.

Don't use the details in the message.

It is always okay to check first.

TAKE FIVE BEFORE YOU ACT

Ask yourself:

- ✓ Was I expecting this message?
- ✓ Am I being rushed?
- ✓ Is someone asking for money or personal details?
- ✓ Have I checked another way?
- ✓ Have I spoken to someone I trust?

**If you are unsure:
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A COMMON SCAM

A text or WhatsApp message may claim that a family member has a new phone number and urgently needs money.

Contact them on their usual number first.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN SCAMMED

1

STOP

Stop contact and further payments.

2

CONTACT

Contact your bank straight away.

3

REPORT

Report it to An Garda Síochána.

YOU ARE IN CONTROL

**You don't have to reply, click a link or share personal details.
It is okay to stop and check first.**

NEED A SECOND OPINION?



Ask a family member or friend



Visit your local library

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