

ONLINE SHOPPING



Stay safe this holiday season while shopping online

- ✓ **Know who you are buying from:** Buy from only known, trusted sellers. If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Check the return policy.
- ✓ **Know where your company is located:** Look around the site to get a physical address or phone number.
- ✓ **Use your credit card or a temporary card:** Avoid using your debit card online. If it is compromised, it could take weeks to get the money back from your bank. Use your credit card, and see if your credit card company generates one-time use numbers for online shopping
- ✓ **Look for the HTTPS:** The "s" means secure! Avoid shopping at sites that do not have the "s" in their address. The transaction is not secure
- ✓ **Do not use public Wi-Fi for online shopping:** Save your online shopping for secure connections
- ✓ **Avoid clicking on links in emails:** If you want to shop at a store, type it into your browser directly
- ✓ **Keep your computer updated:** Ensure you system has the latest secure patches and you are using the newest version of internet browsers. Outdated systems and software can be easily compromised.
- ✓ **Keep your receipts:** When you shop online, it's a good plan to take a screenshot of the finished transaction.

Questions

If you have any additional questions, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at 1-800-300-1986 or consumerhelp@state.sd.us