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Some Internet Security Tips

Here are some current security threats
and mistakes people are making out on the internet

QR Code Scams

QR Codes are all the rage nowadays. They allow you to easily use your phone to go to websites, see a restaurant's menu, learn information about a product or pay your check or bill via the internet.

Unfortunately, QR Codes are very easy to fake and could cause you to go to a fraudulent website or have your personal information stolen. Use caution when using them & make sure you are using the merchant's real code. QR codes in public are sometimes replaced with a fake one. For example, after pumping gas there may be a QR code on the pump saying "scan to pay" and a fake QR code is just stuck over the real one.

Social Media Chain Letters

An old scam that is very popular now is a chain letter that you find on a social media site that seems to be about all the things you are passionate about and it tells you to share the letter with others. The clue that something is not right is that the letter tells you to only share by copy and pasting the letter into your social media account. This may cause you to introduce cookies or bots into your account that will ether copy all your friends contact or steal your user ID & password.

Customer Satisfaction Surveys

Most merchant's websites have a satisfaction survey pop up after you completed your purchase. There are companies who do really care about how your interaction was with their website but many just get paid by a survey company to have that show up on their web site. When you choose to participate in the survey you are taken to another website that installs cookies that track your browsing history and sell that information to other companies.

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