



Section 4: Online safety

In this section:

- Learn about **passwords**.
- Find out more about **online scams**.
- Learn how to **stay safe online**.



Online we share information

It is important for us to know:

- **What information** we are sharing
- **Who can see** this information

We want to keep our **personal information safe**.

Safe websites

It is good to **check** the **websites** you use.

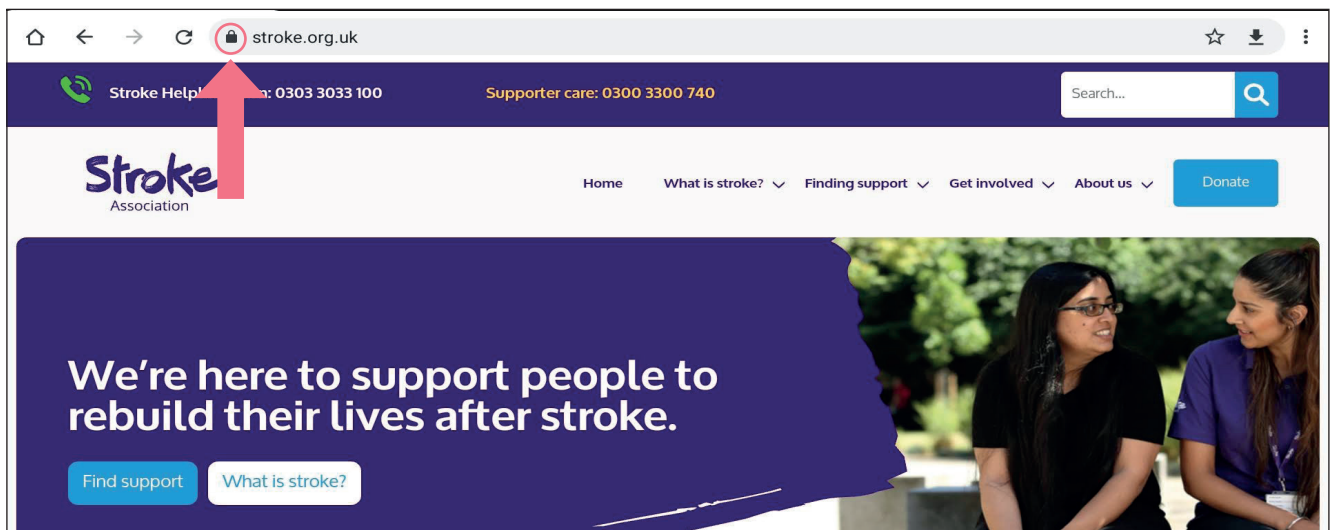
Look at the **top** of the **page** at the **address bar**.

The address should start with **HTTPS**.

It is important to see if there is an **'S'**.

The **'S'** stands for **secure**.

There should be an **icon** of a **padlock**.



If there is **no padlock** or no **'S'** the website is **not safe**.

Do not use the website or **share personal information**.

Passwords

Passwords are a good way to **keep accounts safe**.

When you create an account it will ask you to **choose a password**.

Your password must be **kept private**.

Some accounts have **rules** for passwords.


They might say **passwords need**:

- Numbers (123)
- Symbols (!\$%)
- Uppercase letters (ABC)
- Lowercase letters (abc)
- At least 8 characters long

Using a **mix** of these make your **passwords harder** to guess.

Create a password

Enter the password you would like to use with your account.

FDi29!9y2%8 

Show password

Try to **memorise** your password.

If you need to write it down **keep it** in a **safe** place, like a **locked drawer**.

It is good to **change** your passwords **every few months**.


If you **forget** your password do not worry.

Click 'Forgot Password' on the sign in page.

Enter password

Password

Keep me signed in

[Forgotten your password?](#) 

The page will send an **email** to you with a **link**.

Click the **link** in the email.

Now you can **create** a **new password**.

Online fraud, scams and crime

There are different types of **online scams**.

An **online scam** is when a person is given **false information**.

Scammers want your **personal information** or your **money**.

They may **try harm** your device with a **virus** or malware.

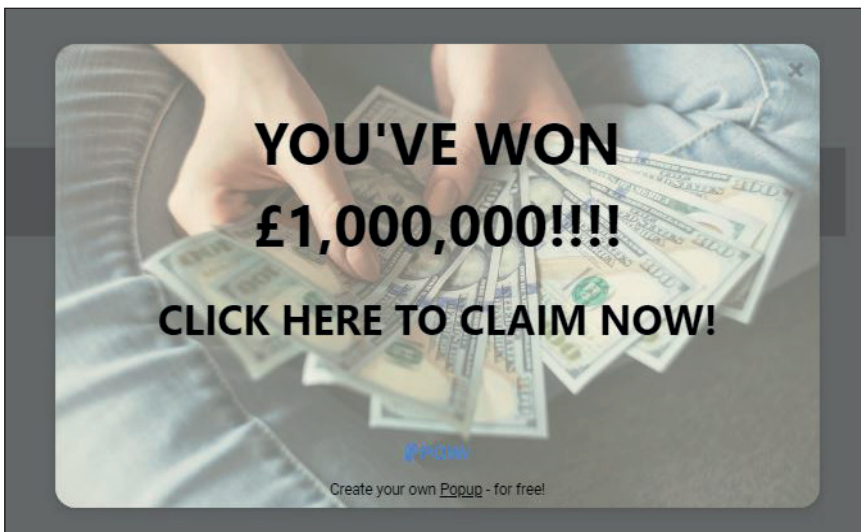
An **untrustworthy website** might:

- Give you a **virus**
- Collect your **personal information** without your permission
 - Give **incorrect information** to get you to buy something
 - Trick you into **clicking on another link**



Some emails might have a **pop up message**.

- These messages might say you **won a competition** or have a **virus**.
- They can be **difficult to close**.
- If you are **unable to close** the pop up you can **press ALT + F4** on your keyboard.
- If you still cannot close the pop up then **restart your computer**.

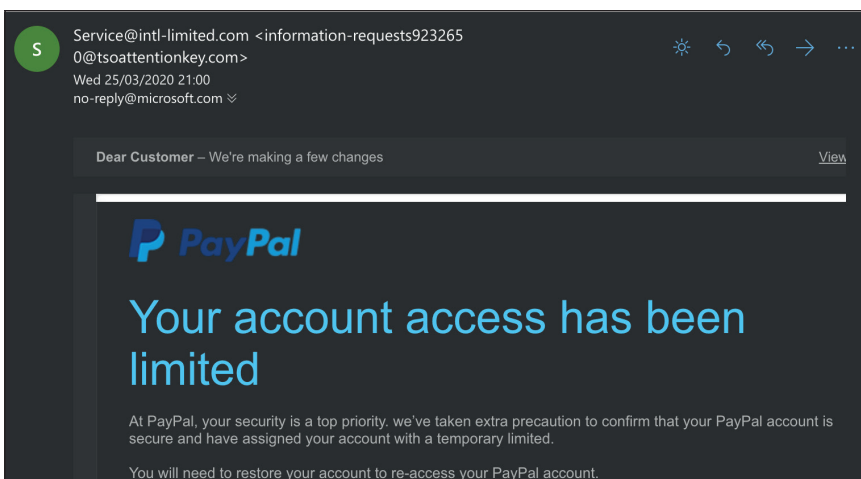


If you have an email account you might get **spam emails**.

A **spam email** is also known as junk mail.

A spam email might include **adverts**.

The email is usually sent to **lots of people**.



Email scams



A **scam** email or website contains **false information**.

It might come from a **fake company**.

The email looks like it is from a **bank** or **government department**.

It might look like it is from **someone you know**.

It is called **phishing**.

If you are **worried** about a message from an email or website always **contact the organisation directly**.

Do not use the **contact details** in the **email** you suspect.



In a **scam email** they may:

- ask you to **click** on a **link**
- phone a **fake number** or give **information**
- ask for **money**



Questions to ask when you think it might be a scam:

- Do I **know the person** or organisation?
- Does the email have the **correct logo**?
- Does the information **look professional**?
- Are there any spelling or grammar mistakes?
- Are they **making promises** that seem unreal?
- Are they **asking for money** or personal information?
- Are they pushing you to make a quick **decision**?



How to stay safe online

Remember:

1. Do not give **personal information**.
2. **Do not reply** if you think an email comes from a scammer.
3. **Do not click** on **unknown links** or download items from unknown sites or emails.
4. **Delete spam emails** or mark them as spam.
5. If you are **unsure** always **contact** the person or organisation directly.

Safety tips when using a shared device

Sometimes we might **share a device**.

For **example**, you might use a computer at a library.



1. Do not let the computer remember you.

When **logging on** to an account you might see a box that says:

- 'Remember my ID on this computer.'
- 'Remember me.'
- 'Store my password.'

Do not tick this box. You **do not** want your **details saved** on a computer others use.



2. Sign out of your accounts

Remember to **sign out** of your **accounts** such as email and social media.

If you do not sign out, someone else using the device **could use your accounts**.

You can **log out** of most accounts the same way.

There will usually be '**sign out**' written in the **top right corner**.

Click on 'sign out'.



3. Avoid banking and other confidential activities

A **public computer** might have a **virus** or **spyware**.

Limit banking or private activities for home or **personal devices**.