How to Check for Fake Websites

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BEFORE YOU READ:

1. IP stands for Internet Protocol. An ***IP address*** is numeric label assigned to every device connected to the internet.

2. What guidelines do you currently use to decide if a website is trustworthy?

Protect Yourself from Viruses

There are many fake websites. If you visit a fake website, you could get a virus that tracks your data, your private information, and your ***IP address***. Here are some steps you can take to help you avoid getting scammed or even tracked by a fake website.

Is It Up to Date?

First, open up your computer and go to any website. Check at the very bottom of the website. You should see the date right next to the copyright or trademark section to ensure the website is up to date.

Is It Secure?

Second, check to see if the website is secure to use. Click on the secure lock icon right next to the website address bar, and you should be able to see if the website is secure or not.

Don't Click on Pop-Ups

The third and final way is to AVOID pop-ups. If you ever get to see a pop-up or a fake virus detector, avoid it. If it keeps popping up constantly, always to be sure to update your browser or get yourself a pop-up blocker. To get a pop-up blocker, go to any of the app stores and read the reviews.

Got a Virus? Get Help!

If your computer is infected with a virus, there are people who can help you get rid of it or recommend antivirus software. Call a legitimate customer service number. Be sure you are talking to the right person. Make sure he or she has good knowledge about computers.

AFTER YOU READ:

1. Open your browser and visit some websites. Use the author's suggestions to check if the website is fake.

2. If you need help with your computer, who could you talk to?

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