# 10 Signs That A Website You Visit Might Be Unsafe

In this presentation, we'll look at 10 signs that a website you might be visiting could be unsafe. After this, you'll have a good idea of what to look for so you can determine whether it's safe to proceed or whether you should bail out as soon as possible. Let's cut to the chase and go through the list.

## Unusual URLs

The first sign is checking for unusual URLs. Specifically, what you're looking for are certain things like odd spellings, domain extensions that seem unusual, or even strange characters. Keep in mind that a legitimate website will have a recognizable domain extension like .com or .org. Now, the extensions to look out for include .xyz or .biz.

So, what you're looking for might not end with the typical .com or .org. There may be some websites that have an extension like .io, which is prevalent in the tech industry, but still, it's important to be careful.

## HTTP vs. HTTPS

Next, we look at HTTP versus HTTPS. What is the difference between the two? If you notice the "S" in HTTPS, it stands for "secure," which means that the website utilizes encryption, so you are safe, as well as the data you transmit between yourself and the website. Meanwhile, HTTP without the "S" will indicate that the site may not be secure, which means that your data may be vulnerable to being intercepted by cyber attackers.

## Phishing Attempts

On unsafe websites, you'll find phishing attempts, which are quite common. You want to look for anything that may trick you into providing personal or financial information, especially those claiming to be from a reputable company or organization. This is where you want to keep an eye on the content of the website, specifically for any spelling or grammar errors. Finally, you want to verify the site's legitimacy through the actual company or organization.

## Suspicious Pop-Ups

If there are excessive or suspicious pop-ups, this can be a huge problem. Legitimate websites may use them for marketing purposes, but pop-ups on unsafe websites will ask you to install malware or mislead you into something that can harm your computer and the data you're transmitting.

## Lack of Contact Information

A legitimate website will always have clear and upfront contact information, including physical addresses, phone numbers, and email. If there is none of this information, this could be an unsafe website that you need to steer clear of.

## Offers That Are Too Good to Be True

The old saying goes, "If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is." Unsafe websites will lure visitors with unrealistic low prices or deals that seem too good to be true. Their attempt to steal your personal and financial information will be obvious. As always, verify the legitimacy of these offers before making a payment.

## Frequent Security Warnings

Nothing is more obvious than frequent security warnings when it comes to unsafe websites. If your browser shows these warnings frequently, get out. This can be a sign that the website you're visiting is unsafe and may be harmful to the device you're using. At the same time, your data is also in danger.

## Design Is Outdated

If you see a website design that appears outdated, that can be a red flag. If it's poorly designed, consider it as such as well. This indicates that the website may be poorly maintained and, you guessed it, the security will be low. A legitimate website will take the time and effort to design their website so that it's professional and user-friendly.

## Excessive Ads

Some ads on a website are common, but if there are too many of them, that alone can be a sign of an unsafe website. If you visit a website and are met with countless ads that just won't go away, get out as soon as possible.

## Lack of HTTPS Certificate

Finally, we circle back to HTTPS. You want to check for a valid certificate. To find this, look for the padlock icon in the URL bar of your web browser. This will serve as an indicator that your website is secure and has encrypted protection for the data transmitted between you and the website. If this icon is missing, the website could be deemed unsafe.

## Final Thoughts

We hope you found this presentation informative. These are the 10 signs that a website you may be visiting could be unsafe. It is important to use this as a reference, especially if you're unsure whether the website you're visiting is secure enough for you to take action, such as handing over financial information or other sensitive data. So, be sure to bookmark or save this presentation however you can. Thank you for checking this out, and please always stay safe online.