

KENT POLICE – ON-LINE SHOPPING

With **Black Friday** approaching and with the run up to **Christmas** many of you may be tempted to buy online in the next few days, please see below for advice on how to shop on line safely:

How to shop online safely...

Software updates

Make sure you've installed the latest software & app updates. Criminals use weaknesses in software to attack your devices and steal information, such as your payment details.

Email accounts

Use a strong, separate password for your email account. Criminals can use your email to access other online accounts, such as those you use for online shopping.

Phishing

Don't click on a link in an unexpected email or text. The volume of online shopping related phishing emails increases significantly during the holiday period. Remember, if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Payment methods

Don't pay for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud.