



Bank of Blue Valley

8 Ways to Avoid Online Fraud

Every year, millions of consumers fall victim to cybercrime. Criminals often combine new technology with old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. In recognition of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, Bank of Blue Valley is highlighting eight tips to help consumers protect themselves from online fraud.

Keep your computers and mobile devices up to date.

Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats. Turn on automatic updates so you receive the newest fixes as they become available.

Create complic@t3d passwords.

A strong password is at least eight characters and includes a mix of upper & lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters.

Watch out for phishing scams.

Phishing scams use fraudulent emails and websites to trick users into disclosing private account or login information. Do not click on links or open any attachments or pop-up screens from sources you are not familiar with. Forward phishing emails to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at spam@uce.gov – and to the company, bank, or organization impersonated in the email.

Keep personal information personal.

Hackers can use social media profiles to figure out your passwords and answer those security questions in the password reset tools. Lock down your privacy settings and avoid posting things like birthdays, addresses, mother's maiden name, etc. Be wary of requests to connect from people you do not know.

Secure your internet connection.

Always protect your home wireless network with a password. When connecting to public Wi-Fi networks, be cautious about what information you are sending over it.

Shop safely.

Before shopping online, make sure the website uses secure technology. When you are at the checkout screen, verify that the web address begins with **https**. Also, check to see if a tiny locked padlock symbol appears on the page.

Read the site's privacy policies.

Though long and complex, privacy policies tell you how the site protects the personal information it collects. If you don't see or understand a site's privacy policy, consider doing business elsewhere.

Report any suspected fraud to your bank immediately.

Education and Awareness are the keys to Fraud Prevention!

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