## **Safe Online Shopping Practices**

- 1. Use Reputable Websites:
  - **Credibility Check:** Ensure the website is well-known and trusted.
  - User Reviews: Look for reviews and ratings from other customers.
  - **Official Sites:** Prefer official brand websites or established retailers.
- 2. Look for HTTPS in the URL:
  - Secure Connection: Verify the URL starts with 'HTTPS' the 'S' stands for 'Secure'.
  - **Encryption:** HTTPS means that the data exchanged between your browser and the website is encrypted.
  - Avoid HTTP: Do not enter personal or financial information on sites without HTTPS.
- 3. Avoid Deals That Seem Too Good to Be True:
  - Price Comparison: Compare prices across different websites to ensure the deal is realistic.
  - Suspicious Offers: Extremely low prices can indicate scams or counterfeit products.
  - **Market Value:** If an offer is significantly lower than the market value, it is likely fraudulent.