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Four Tips to Avoid a Phishing Con When Ordering Takeout

\$54 million and 241,342 complaints. Those are the reported amounts that [phishing scams claimed in 2020, according to the FBI.](#) One of the most currently active phishing scams is centered around your takeout order.

Many times, we make these orders in a hurry as we are rushing home from work, picking up the kids from school, or even when your extended family decided to make last minute plans to dine at your home.

The next time you place a food order for takeout, be sure to follow these four tips from the Better Business Bureau:

1. **ONLY ORDER FROM WEBSITES YOU KNOW AND TRUST** – Don't let the look of the site trick you. Scammers can create mock websites that are almost identical to your trusted store or restaurant. Be sure to check that the website URL begins with "https" and look for any misspellings. Performing a quick online search is a good step just to be extra safe.
2. **CONFIRM WITH THE RESTAURANT** – On your first order from the website, call the restaurant to confirm they received the online order.
3. **USE YOUR CREDIT CARD** – You can dispute any unauthorized charges with your credit card. Your debit card or bank might not be able to offer you the same ability.
4. **TAKE ACTION** – Afraid that you ordered from a fraudulent site? Don't panic, take action. Cancel the card you paid with immediately and request a new one.

Don't let your Sunday family dinner turn into a phishing experience. Be prepared, be informed, and be protected. [For more shopping tips, please visit the Better Business Bureau.](#)

For more tips please visit the Florida Sheriffs Association's Crime Prevention Tips: flsheriffs.org/crime-prevention.