

# how to tell if a website is secure

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## Check For The Lock Icon

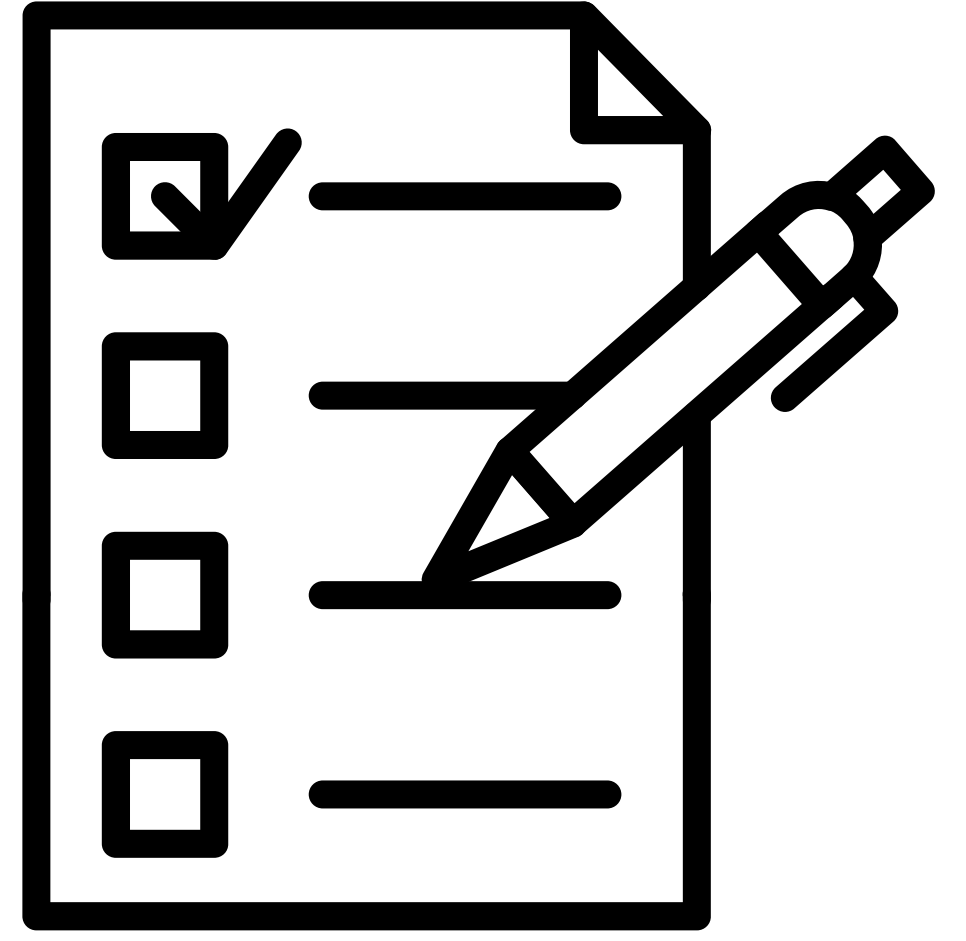
A small lock symbol next to the web address in your browser means the site uses encryption.

## Avoid Pop-Ups And Auto-Redirects

Secure sites don't flood you with pop-ups or redirect you to unfamiliar pages.

## Stick To Trusted Domains

Use well-known websites or search engines to navigate. Avoid clicking random links from emails or texts.



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## Look For “Https://”

Secure sites always begin with “https://” (the “s” stands for secure). Avoid sites with only “http://”.

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## Examine The Website Name

Watch for slight misspellings or extra characters in the website URL—they may be scams.

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## Read Privacy Policies

Legit websites usually provide a clear privacy policy at the bottom of the page.

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