



We all know about junk mail, pyramid schemes and other annoyances that come through our door. Our email inbox is, sadly, no different.

To keep yourself safe with email, here are some suspicious things to look out for.

Email Security

Like letters, emails go through many computer 'sorting offices', some of which might not be secure. Because of this, you should never send passwords or bank details by normal email.

Spams, Phishing & Viruses

Unwanted email is called **spam**. GMail and most other email sites try to filter out the junk for you and put it in a separate folder called 'Junk' or 'Spam'.

- ✓ Go to your online email and see if you can find the junk folder. Look how you could 'allow' email or delete it forever

Sometimes emails try to get you to give money. These are called **scams**.

- ✓ **Never give money or contact details to people you don't know online**

Sometimes emails try and get you to give away secret information. These are called **phishing** emails. They may pretend to be from your bank or send you to a website that looks like your banks.

- ✓ **Never follow links from emails unless you are CERTAIN who they are from. If you're not sure, ring the sender and ask them**

Some emails have things attached like photos or documents. Some malicious emails install a virus on your computer if you open these attachments.

- ✓ **Never open an attachment from someone you don't know or if the email looks suspicious in any way – just delete the email**

