

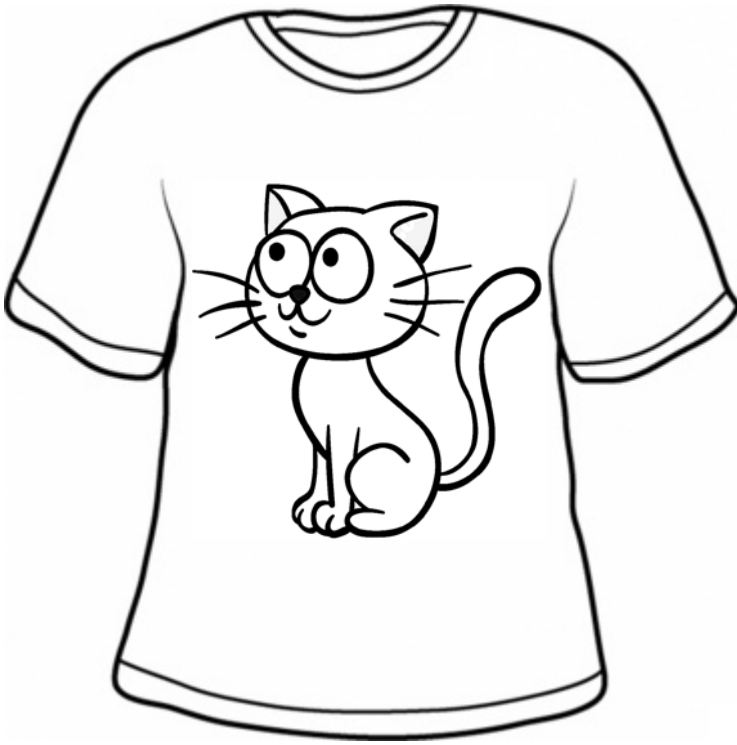
# **COMMON INTERNET SCAMS YOUR CHILD MIGHT FALL FOR**



The World Wide Web can be a big, scary place for your kids. The most efficient way to monitor your child's online activity is through a parental monitoring app on their phone or tablet, which will let you control what they can access.

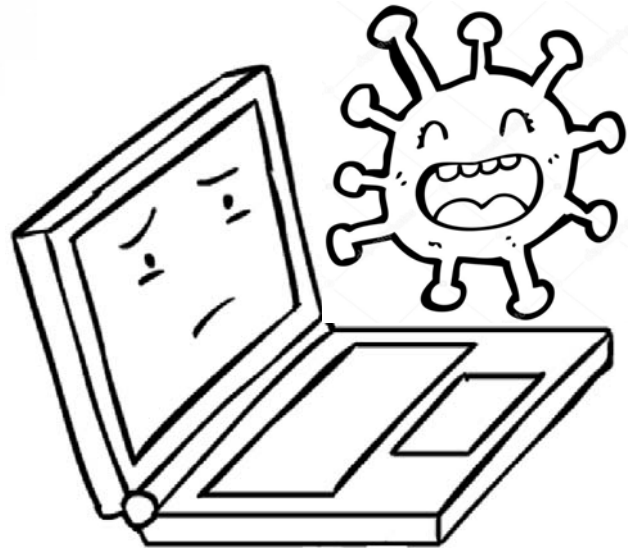
Scams can come from anywhere and target anyone, but it's worse when they specifically target your children. You need to know what to watch out for.

# COLOURING AND



Is this really  
"designer" or is it  
**FAKE?**

Don't let a **VIRUS** get in  
your computer



Don't get **CONNED** by  
offers of "free music  
downloads", they can  
be costly

# WORD SEARCH



Can you find  
the words  
written in **RED** in  
the wordsearch  
below?

“Free stuff” is a ploy to get your  
information, keep your money **SAFE**

H	O	A	K	X	E	E	P
M	D	W	T	B	A	F	L
C	E	K	A	F	E	A	L
P	N	I	K	C	L	S	W
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## Here are the five most common internet scams your child might fall for:

### Fake Goods

Kids want to be trendy and have all the latest designer styles when they know they can't afford it. Scammers create adverts for all of these "discount" online stores that supposedly sell designer goods. However, designers do not license these companies to sell their goods, and all the products are fake. Let your children know not to be tempted by these online stores, goods are likely to be not what has been advertised.

### Music

"Free" music downloads and ringtones are a tease. The purpose is to lure your child in for a limited time, and then inform them that they have to pay for further use of the service. The programs collect personal or bank information and charge your card with all of these fees and can possibly steal your identity. Stick to known music programs like iTunes, or just buy CDs.

### Free Stuff

Most "free" stuff offered on the internet is a ploy to collect information. Tell your kids to avoid the freebies, they are usually a trap.

### Contests

Kids also love contests because they love to play and win. They don't realise the prizes aren't real, and nobody ever wins. These contests are used to collect information and steal identities. Avoid online contests unless it's for a known entity like a magazine.

### Games

Downloading games opens your browser up to viruses. On top of that, some of the games ask for way too much information for the kids to play. Then after the child is hooked they want you to pay to continue to play. Just don't do it!



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