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Can You Spot a Fake Website?

Internet safety depends on being able to distinguish between phony and legitimate websites. There are certain key differences between the two, and by looking at these differences, you may tell more accurately if a website is legitimate or possibly fraudulent. Be cautious at all times, especially when entering financial or personal information online.

Fake Website:

- Typos, redundant words, or bizarre expansions.
- Often imitates an actual domain with minor modifications.
- Example: (www.apple-secure.com or www.applle.com)

Real Website:

- A domain name generally corresponds with the name or brand of the company.
- Utilize widely used extensions such as (.gov,.org, and.com.)
- Example, (www.apple.com)

False Website:

- Unclear or missing contact details.
- Frequently uses a generic email address (contact@gmail.com, for example).
- Example: It's difficult to locate a physical address or make touch with customer service.

Real Website:

- Provide a clear contact list including physical addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.
- Frequently has connections to profiles on social media.
- Example: Detailed information on the Contact Us page.

Fake website:

- Frequently lacking HTTPS renders it less secure.
- Can try to mimic a safe appearance without providing any security.
- Example: (URL <http://www.fakewebsite.com>) is not padlocked.

Real Website:

- The URL contains HTTPS, signifying a safe connection.
- Visible security certifications (such as an address bar padlock icon).
- Example: (<https://www.paypal.com>).