

Outsmart Scammers at the Paris Olympics

Whether you're buying a ticket for the Olympics or watching from home, major sports events come with hidden cybersecurity risks. With more devices in use but fewer protections in place, vulnerabilities are everywhere. Here's how to stay safe:



Beware of ticket & lottery scams

Scam websites and emails promise VIP passes or ticket lotteries, but it's all a trick to steal your info.

Security tips

- Purchase tickets from official sources only
- Watch for signs of phishing: **misspellings, urgent language, and unfamiliar senders**
- If an email claims you've won a lottery you didn't enter, delete it
- Always verify a seller's authenticity before a purchase

Apply caution with apps

Many apps that claim to offer event info or tickets could be fakes designed to steal your data or infect your device with malware.

Security tips

- Download apps only from official stores and publishers
- Keep your device's security software updated



Think twice about public WiFi

Public WiFi is a prime hunting ground for hackers, who set up rogue access points with legitimate-sounding network names to intercept sensitive data.

Security tips

- Don't access sensitive information on public WiFi
- **Use a VPN** for secure internet access, especially when your mobile device or laptop also has access to your corporate network ([How to stay protected](#))

Stay alert when shopping

That cool 3D-printed souvenir might be calling out to you, but be cautious when buying them. Hackers often target such vendors to steal tourists' credit card info.

Security tips

- Try to verify the legitimacy of vendors and the security of their payment systems before a purchase
- Monitor your bank statements for unauthorized transactions



Be careful on the couch, too

Watching sports at home on computers or IoT devices like smart TVs can expose security vulnerabilities, allowing hackers to infiltrate your networks, conduct surveillance, and access personal accounts. Malware and social engineering fraud are also rampant on illegal streaming sites.

Security tips

- Use reputable streaming services
- Protect your network with strong passwords, encryption, and **reliable security services** suitable for teleworkers, home office (SOHO) and small business environments.