

Safety Tip

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Tips to be aware of fake apps

What is the first thing that we do when we purchase a new smartphone? Most of us browse the app store to install some exciting apps, which can be games, messaging or any utility apps. But wait! Do you know the apps that you install are not always genuine? In the app store, you may become a victim of fake apps if you are not smart enough to judge the application that you are downloading is genuine.



Here are some simple tips, which will help you identify the fake apps:



Research on the app developer

Perform some research on the app developer before you install the application. You can spot the app developers name below the app. Check if the developer has a valid website by just searching his name on Google or any search engine you use.

Check twice before granting permissions to apps

Before you grant permission to any mobile app, check whether those apps really require the permission. For example, a messaging or calling app may require your permission to access your call logs, contacts, media files but if a gaming app seeks similar permission then there might be something fishy.



Read reviews of other users

Read app reviews before installing any app as it will help you know how others have rated the application. If you find any suspicious review, just do a Google search and gather more information. If it's a fake app then, you will surely spot some comments from users.

Stay away from mobile websites that pretends to be an app

There are many apps, which are developed to get clicks on ads. These are not apps but mobile sites, which float attractive offers, clicking on which you only end up gaining nothing. Remember, genuine apps are those which come with utility, not a scam.



Although app store is the best market place to look for apps, most smartphone users install apps from untrusted sources, which may be a website or a download link. Beware! It is extremely risky to install apps from untrusted 3rd party links even if you get any attractive offer. Those can be hacking traps and you may end up compromising your valuable data.

With these safety tips, you can secure your smartphone from hackers. It is also advisable to use a mobile antivirus software, which will guard your mobile against any kind of virus attacks.

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An initiative to share a safety and security tip to encourage caution amongst society...it's **worth following and sharing with near and dear ones!** We encourage everyone to be a part of this initiative through their inputs and thoughts.