Are You Protected Against Internet Fraud?

Online fraud is the use of Internet services to take advantage of other people by stealing personal information, which can even lead to identity theft. Internet services can be used to present fraudulent solicitations to prospective victims, to conduct fraudulent transactions, or to transmit the proceeds of fraud to financial institutions or to others connected with the scheme. Online scams can happen through social engineering and social influence. It can occur in chat rooms, social media, email, message boards, or on websites.

Here's a checklist for you to rate if you are at risk for internet fraud!

Senior Internet Fraud Prevention Checklist

Activity Checklist	True	False
I avoid phishing emails that ask for my personal information.		
I show caution with providing bank account information credit cards, and social insurance or social security numbers online.		
I don't sign up for anything online without reading and understanding it first.		
I NEVER click on a link to "verify" or "confirm" my account information.		
All of my passwords are tricky. They include special characters, numbers, capitals, substitute numbers or symbols for letters.		
I block unknown chats and websites from my computer or tablet.		
I always use a different password for my online banking.		
I always avoid clicking on a link in an e-mail that is suspicious.		
I never wire money to anyone I don't know.		
I have installed anti-virus software on my computer and/or tablet.		

* If you answered False to any of these, you may be at risk for Internet Fraud. Check out this article for specific suggestions to protect yourself http://seniorslifestylemag.com/passions/10-safety-tips-for-senior-internet-safety/ and at the bottom of the article Click on the Security Software picture to purchase security software for your computer.