

# Avoid Scams In Online Games — Cheat Sheet

*Print and keep near your gaming setup. Glance at it before any trade or click.*

**Date completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Re-run this quarterly. Each pass takes about 12 minutes.

## The red flags

1. **Free skin / free Robux offer**  
SCAM — ignore
2. **'I'm a pro team scout' DM**  
SCAM — ignore and block
3. **'Steam support' DM you didn't initiate**  
SCAM — never replies via DM
4. **Trade with new / no-history account**  
Verify via steamrep.com
5. **Site requests your Steam API key**  
Leave the site immediately
6. **Asked to temporarily disable 2FA**  
Hard no, always
7. **Login link from Discord/email**  
Use your bookmark instead
8. **'Limited-time / next 5 minutes' urgency**  
SCAM — always

## Advanced — if you want to go further

- Separate browser profile for gaming
- Non-admin Windows account
- Hardware key for Steam/Discord
- Block DMs from non-friends everywhere
- VM for any risky download
- Subscribe to scam-alert feeds