

# Spot And Avoid In-Game Phishing Links — Cheat Sheet

*Print and keep near your gaming setup. Read once. Refer when in doubt.*

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

## The red flags

- 1. Free skin / currency offer in chat**  
SCAM — ignore
- 2. 'I'm a mod / dev' DM about your account**  
SCAM — ignore and report
- 3. 'Tournament scout' DM from an unknown player**  
SCAM — verify via official org site
- 4. 'Trade via this third-party site'**  
SCAM — all real trades happen in-game
- 5. 'Free cheat / leaked content' download**  
Malware vector — never download
- 6. URL shortener (bit.ly, tinyurl)**  
Default no-click
- 7. Urgent 'limited time' offer**  
SCAM — real opportunities don't rush
- 8. Unhovered URL in chat**  
Hover-preview FIRST, then decide

## Advanced — if you want to go further

- Use a kid-safety browser like Bark
- Practice spotting phishing on a throwaway account
- Subscribe to scam-pattern feeds
- Gaming Windows user is non-admin
- Physical 'rules' sticky note
- 'Show me first' family rule