

Tell a real message from a fake one

DO TODAY

Find one message in your phone or inbox that you were not sure about.

Do step 2 on it: read the sender's full address, not the display name. Then decide, and either report it or delete it.

THE STEPS, IN BRIEF

- 1 Before anything else, notice the feeling.
- 2 Look at who sent it, properly.
- 3 Look at the link without touching it.
- 4 Now the check that decides it.
- 5 If it is fake, report it.
- 6 Then delete it, and stop thinking about it.

WHERE IT USUALLY GOES WRONG

The address after the at-sign looks right but something still feels off.

Trust that.

You already clicked the link.

Clicking alone is usually not the damage.

WHAT HAPPENED

ONE THING TO TRY NEXT

Ask it something daft and see what happens — 8 minutes.

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