What You Need to Know About Real Money in Online Gaming

Online gaming has gotten very big, very fast. People enjoy the networking, the challenge, and the pleasure of victory. Questions arise about the safety of these games, however; especially if you are partial to games that require real money to play.

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Here's a closer look at some simple precautionary steps:

Make sure your cyber-information is safe

Always start from a strong base. No matter how excellent a gaming site/app may be – there is still a cyber risk. Staying conscious and attentive to online risks and solutions can really help protect your personal data.

1. **Keep a clean, updated device**

Take good care of your equipment. Make sure that your laptop, tablet, iPhone, etc. is functioning at full capacity. If you are not tech savvy you might consider taking your device in for a frequent check-up. Some tech service companies also offer remote software repair.

2. **Run a good firewall**

Always run a firewall. Check it frequently to make sure that it's working and to make sure it hasn't flagged any threats.

3. Use strong passwords

No matter what you are doing – shopping, banking, gaming – that requires a digital transfer of money; you need to make sure your passwords are strong. Sentence passwords with a mix of caps, letters, and symbols are a great tool. Also try not to use the same password for more than one site – especially if it involves real money.

4. Recognize viruses and scripts

Keep up to date on the latest viruses and know what to look for in your device if it has downloaded a virus. Also be aware that running scripts like ActiveX – while not a virus itself – may open up your system to compromise.

Be particular

Don't be afraid to be choosy when it comes to dealing with apps. Know who you are dealing with and how trustworthy they are.

1. Look for honesty

Sites that promote online gaming – including desktop and mobile apps – should be very upfront and honest about how their money system works. Preferably they will list all the different ways you can deposit and withdraw money from their system, and have detailed lists on their confidence in each type of money transfer; i.e. credit cards, bank deposits, e-checks, etc.

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2. Check for certification

Those funny symbols at the bottom of a web page mean that the website has been security verified by a third-party system. Getting familiar with top certification logos will save you a lot of time when questioning a site's trustworthiness.

3. Ask questions

A decent site or app provider will have a line of communication open for you. FAQ pages and Contact Us pages are a very important part of being able to trust a gaming company.

Listen to others

Look for transparency in any brand. A responsible company will open up the lines for reviews on every level. If their reviews are largely positive, or largely negative, you know a lot about them. Try to ignore hate reviews and super-hyped reviews, however, as these may not be the most useful representation.

Also look on websites that rank gaming companies. Websites that list the top 5s, best 10s, and worst 20s, will tell you a lot about the credibility of any site. Especially if you see certain companies appearing frequently in the results across different ranking sites.

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