

What to Do with Scams



DON'T

- Give any personal information
- Reply or engage the scammer
- Click on any links
- Download any files or attachments
- Contact the scammer
- Click on any buttons

DO




- Put the email in your spam folder
- Look up official contact info
- Close pop-ups with Alt+F4

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Let's look at the best course of actions to take when you encounter a scam. Here are some do's and don'ts. Use the green buttons to view each of the tips in this list.



DON'T Give any personal information

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Name* | Last Name* | Birthdate* |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Email Address* | | Password* |
| <input type="text"/> | | <input type="text"/> |
| Payment Method* | | |
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| <input type="text"/> | | |

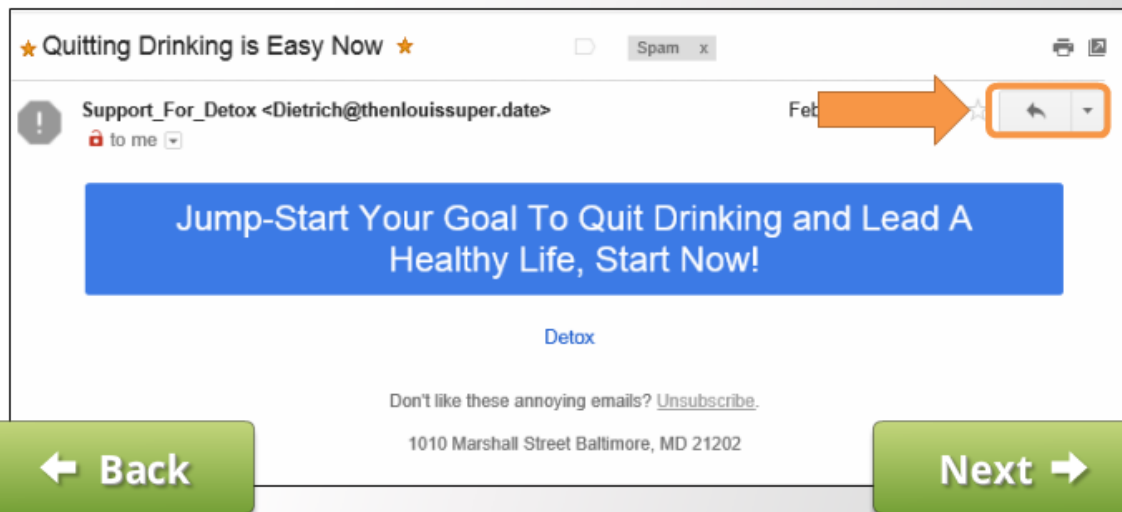
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Don't give out personal information to something that could be a scam. This includes name, email address, credit card number, or password.



DON'T Reply or engage the scammer



Don't reply or engage them. This can notify the scammer that they've reached a real person, which can result in more scam emails.



DON'T Click on any links

The screenshot shows an email interface with the following elements:

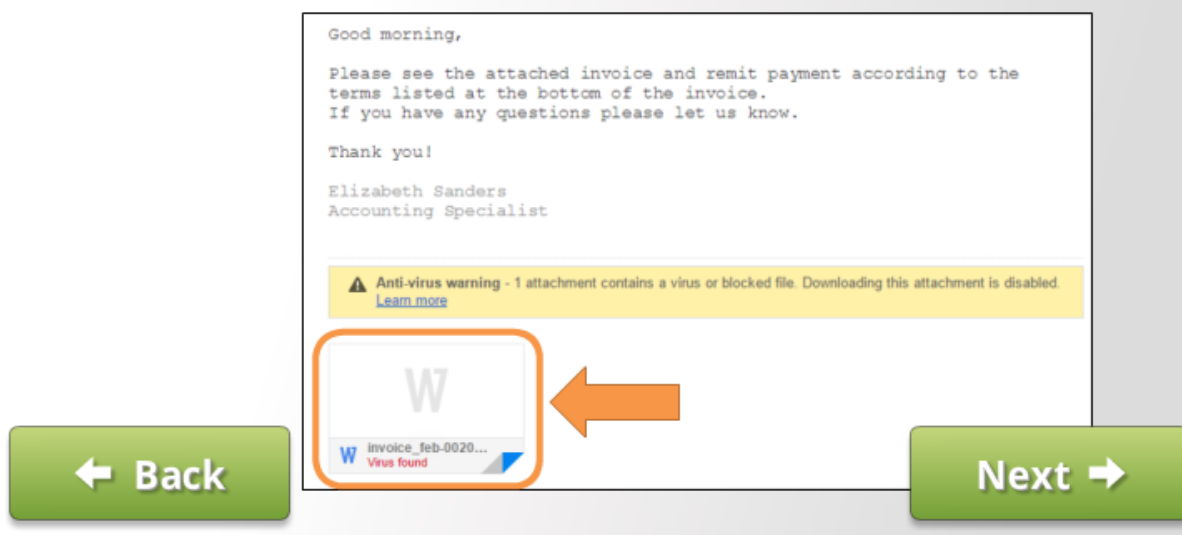
- Subject: ★ Quitting Drinking is Easy Now ★
- Sender: Support_For_Detox <Dietrich@thenlouissuper.date>
- Date: Feb 13 (8 days ago)
- Body text: "Jump-Start Your Goal To Quit Drinking and Lead A Healthy Life, Start Now!"
- Buttons: "Detox" and "Unsubscribe."
- Footer: "Don't like these annoying emails", "1010 Marshall Street Baltimore, MD 21202"

Annotations include:

- An orange arrow pointing to the "Detox" button.
- An orange arrow pointing to the "Unsubscribe." button.
- Green "Back" and "Next" navigation buttons at the bottom.

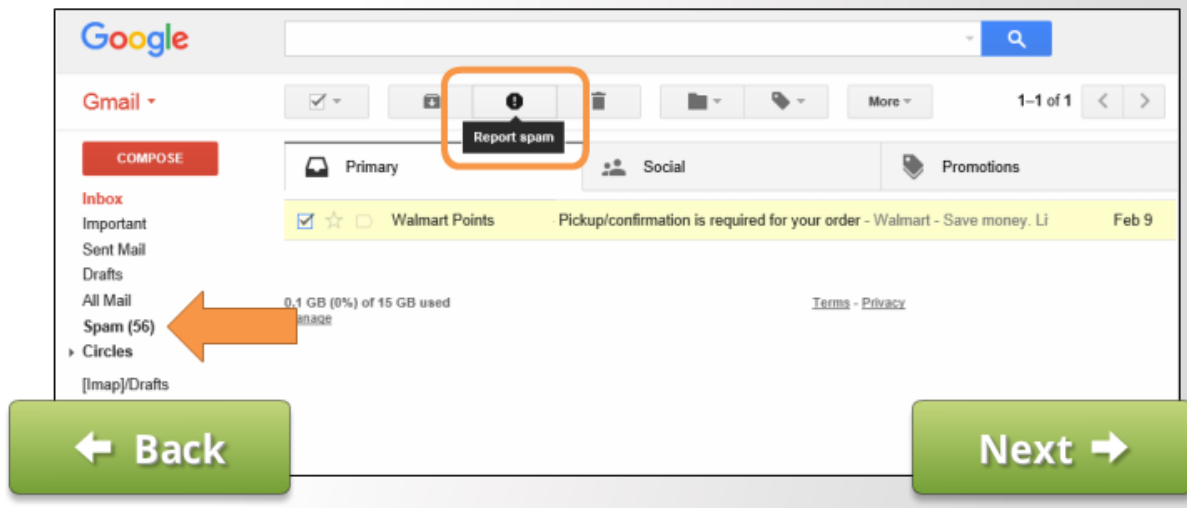
Don't click on any links in a scam email. This can take you to dangerous websites.

DON'T Download any files or attachments



Don't download any email attachments or files on an untrustworthy website. They could contain viruses or malware that harm your computer, or collect your personal information.

✓ **DO**
Put the email in your spam folder




Do put the email message in your spam folder. This will help your email provider alert other people that this is a scam.



DON'T Contact the scammer



If you suspect something is a phishing scam imitating a real company you **trust, don't** contact using the email or phone number they gave you.

 **DO**
Look up contact information
from another source



Do look up their contact information on your own, from a statement you've received in the mail or from their official website.

DON'T Click on any buttons in a pop-up



For pop-ups on a website, don't click on any buttons. Sometimes even the X will not close a scam pop up window, and may trigger more pop-ups to open instead.



DO

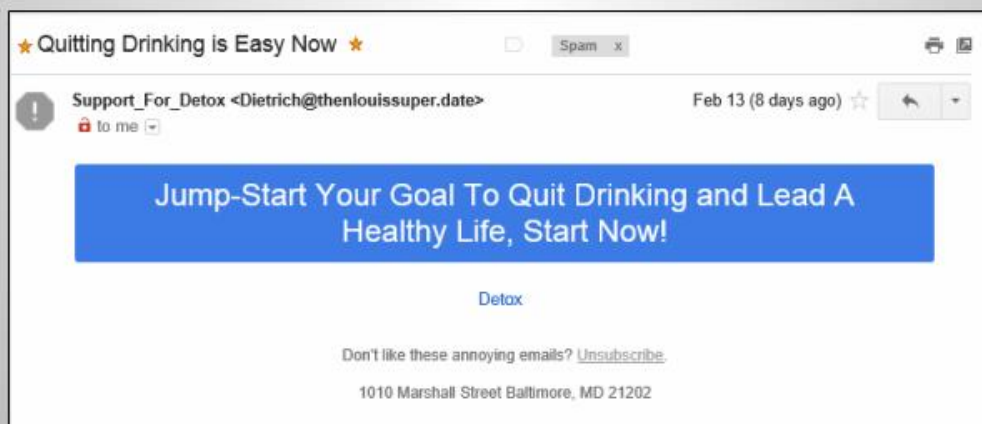
Close pop-ups with Alt+F4 or restart the computer



Do try using another method to close the pop up window. One way to close it is to hold down the Alt key while you press F4. This will close the window. If all else fails, restart your computer, or turn it off and back on again. This is better than being stuck inside a scam.

How should Kevin react to this scam email?

- Click "Unsubscribe" to stop getting Spam in the future
- Reply and tell the sender to stop email him
- Put it in his Spam Folder or ignore it
- Click the link to visit the website and see if it's trustworthy



See if you can help Kevin address this scam. What is the best course of action?

1. **Click "Unsubscribe" to stop getting Spam in the future**
2. Reply and tell the sender to stop emailing him
3. Put it in his Spam Folder or ignore it
4. **Click the link to visit the website and see if it's trustworthy**

The correct answer is Put it in his Spam folder or ignore it.

Good job. Follow these tips to stay safe whenever you encounter spam.