

# Don't show up at the wrong address

You check physical addresses on Maps before a trip. It's just as important to check web URLs before you click.



## How a Web Address Works

Scammers use bad web links in their attacks. Understanding the basics of a web address will help you spot fake websites and keep you and your information safe.

`https://` `learning.` `linkedin.com` `/content-library`

### Protocol

Look for the 's' in https, it stands for 'secure'. When you enter confidential information on a website, make sure the 's' is shown.

### Sub-Domain

This is an extension to the domain name, used to separate a website into sections.

### Domain Name

This is the website address. Common domain names you might recognise are Facebook, Google & LinkedIn.

### Path

The path is the exact location of a page, post or file on a website.

## Can you spot the differences from above?

Here's what a fake web address created by a hacker might look like.

`http://` `linkedin_learning.` `userid-86.ws` `/content-library`

Sub-Domain on the scam website.

Actual scam website.

Path to a fake page on the scam website.

### Remember, scammers are trying to trick you.

Protect yourself. Understanding the basics of a web address will help ensure you're not entering your username, password or credit card details on a scam website.