

# Combating cyber crime

Every day, more and more criminals are trying to break into computers by tricking users. Get wise to their tricks and stay safe online.

- **Don't click on a web link in an email or in social media.** Unless you're really sure it's safe. Even messages from people you trust could have been hacked, so take care.
- **Don't plug USB sticks into your computer.** Unless you know that they're 'clean'. Viruses can be easily transferred via USB sticks.
- **Take care with confidential information.** Be extra cautious when working with bank details, passwords and customer information. This is the information that criminals target.
- **Report anything that's suspicious.** It's better to be safe than sorry, and it's good to share news about potential criminal threats!
- **Don't be scared to use your computer or phone.** A combination of strong anti-virus software and common sense will help keep your device safe.