

## DIGITAL SAFETY

# They Don't Break In Anymore. They Wait for You to Let Them In.

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## Key Points

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AI has made digital threats faster and more convincing — phishing emails are now grammatically perfect and personally targeted.

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7 threats to know: Phishing, Ransomware, Spyware, Scareware, Adware, Stealer-ware, and Deepfake Fraud-ware.

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Deepfake fraud is the fastest growing threat of 2026 — AI-generated voice and video can now convincingly impersonate your manager or family.

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Fresh graduates are high-risk: fake job portals, malware-laced offer letter PDFs, and fake HR WhatsApp messages target new joiners.

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AI is also the best defence: Gmail, Outlook, and modern antivirus all use AI to detect threats. You can paste suspicious messages into Claude or ChatGPT and ask "Is this a scam?"

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5 habits that protect you: pause on urgency, verify email domains, never use cracked software, enable 2FA everywhere, use AI to check suspicious messages.

### Key Takeaway

*The most powerful upgrade you can make is not to your software — it is to your awareness.*

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