



Specialised
Security Services



PROJECT:
KNOCKS AND SCAMS
ONLINE SCAMS
DURING THE
CRICKET WORLD CUP
2023

The anticipation and excitement surrounding the Cricket World Cup 2023 has reached a fever pitch, uniting cricket enthusiasts from around the globe. While this prestigious event is a celebration of sportsmanship and skill, it also provides fertile ground for online scammers seeking to exploit the fervour and enthusiasm of cricket fans.

As the tournament unfolds, a new breed of online scams has emerged, preying on the unwavering devotion of fans, their desire for exclusive content, and their eagerness to engage with the cricketing world.

It is crucial for the public to be aware of the deceptive tactics used by cybercriminals to capitalise on the Cricket World Cup 2023, shedding light on the risks that fans face and offering guidance on how to protect themselves from falling victim to these scams.


- The Cricket World Cup 2023, hosted by India, has generated immense excitement among cricket enthusiasts in South Africa.
 - With the Proteas being a favourite team in the competition, many people are eager to show their support by purchasing Proteas World Cup jerseys and other supporter apparel.
 - However, this surge in demand has also led to the emergence of fraudulent websites and scams targeting cricket fans.
 - SSS aims to educate the public about the potential risks associated with online purchases and provide guidance on ensuring a safe and authentic shopping experience.
 - The internet has made it convenient to shop for a wide range of products, including sports merchandise.
 - Unfortunately, the online marketplace is not immune to scams and fraudulent activities.
 - Several websites have been identified as potential sources of scams related to Cricket World Cup 2023 supporter apparel.
 - Examples of these websites include:
 - <http://www.cricketapparel.co.za>
 - <http://www.saproteashop.co.za>
 - <http://www.sacricketwc23.co.za.co.za>
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HOW TO IDENTIFY SCAM/FRAUDULENT WEBSITES:

- Scam websites often use domain names that closely resemble legitimate ones.
- Be cautious of websites with domain names that do not match well-known retailers or official team merchandise stores.
- Be sceptical of websites that offer prices that seem too good to be true.
- Scammers often use unrealistically low prices to lure in unsuspecting customers.
- Legitimate e-commerce websites provide clear and accessible contact information.
- If a website lacks a physical address, phone number, or customer support email, it may be a red flag.

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- Scam websites often have poorly designed or outdated websites, with grammatical errors and inconsistent layouts.
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HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS:

- Before making a purchase, thoroughly research the website you're considering.
 - Read reviews, check for customer feedback, and look for reports of scams related to the website.
 - Ensure that the website's domain is authentic and matches reputable retailers or official team merchandise stores.
 - Whenever possible, opt for well-known and reputable online retailers or official team merchandise stores.
 - These retailers are more likely to sell authentic products.
 - When purchasing online, use secure payment methods, such as credit cards or payment platforms like PayPal, which offer buyer protection.
 - Look for the padlock symbol () in the website's address bar, indicating a secure connection.
 - This ensures that your personal information is encrypted during the transaction.
 - Ensure the website has a clear return and refund policy and understand the terms before purchasing.
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REPORTING SCAMS:

- If you come across a suspicious website or fall victim to a scam, report it to the relevant authorities.
 - In South Africa, you can report online scams to the South African Police Service (SAPS) or to the South African Banking Risk Information Centre (SABRIC).
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As a last resort, contact Mr Mike Bolhuis personally, as SSS has a highly progressive and skilled cyber team which focuses on many such online scams in our pursuit to inform, educate and protect the public.

Specialised Security Services is proud to invite the public to our highly anticipated WhatsApp Channel.

This channel is important in delivering insights into the latest crime trends, awareness, warnings and the exposure of criminals.

HOW TO JOIN THE MIKE BOLHUIS WHATSAPP CHANNEL:

- Simply follow the link to our dedicated channel: <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Va9cH3n0bIdvTstlCf0t>
- Hit the "FOLLOW" button to ensure you never miss our daily updates.
- Tap on the "BELL" icon to receive instant notifications whenever a new post is placed.
- Please share this with family, friends and colleagues.

**IF ANYONE REQUIRES OUR ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY,
PLEASE CONTACT MR BOLHUIS.**

**ALL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED WITH THE
UTMOST PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY.**

**FORWARD THIS DOCUMENT TO EVERYBODY.
PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU FORWARD
THIS ENTIRE PROJECT.**

Regards,

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