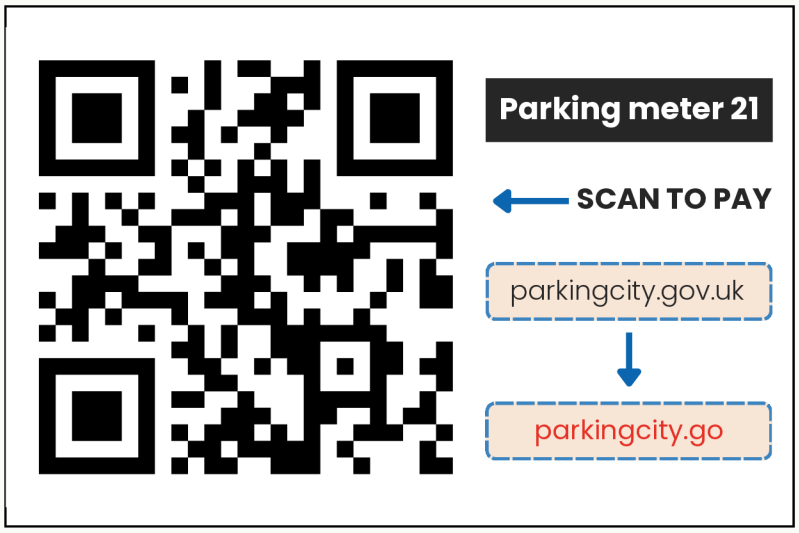
Is this QR code safe?

It might not be...

01 ANATOMY OF A QR CODE SCAM



1. Sticker on top of sticker
2. Public placement
3. Lookalike web address
4. Web address shortened
5. Asks for credentials
6. Asks to install something

If you're not 100% sure, **don't act.**

02 HOW TO VERIFY IF IT'S A SCAM

Where did this QR come from?
Public, unsolicited, or in an unexpected email. Treat as untrusted by default.

Inspect for tampering before scanning.
Sticker on top of sticker, lifted edges, fresh adhesive. Don't scan it.

Preview the URL. Don't tap "Open."
Read the destination domain letter by letter. If anything looks off, cancel.

When possible, skip the QR entirely.
Type the URL manually or use the official app. The QR is a shortcut, never a requirement.

Never enter credentials in a QR-opened page.
If a scanned page asks you to log in or pay, close it. Go to the service the normal way.

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