

ITMC TECH TIP from Gene Fitzpatrick

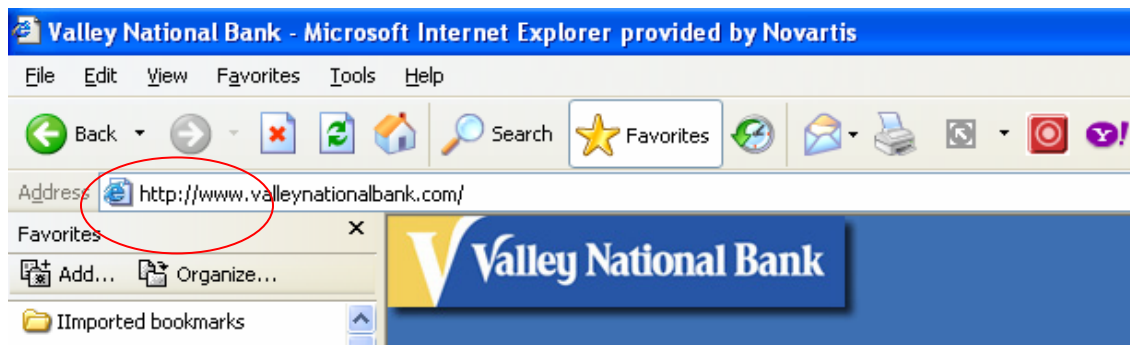
MAKING SURE A WEBSITE IS SECURE

If you are using a website in which you enter critical data such as your Social Security Number, or any sensitive, personal information, make sure the website is secure. A secure website is one that ensures your information is protected from identity theft, and from other parties being able to read your information ONLINE.

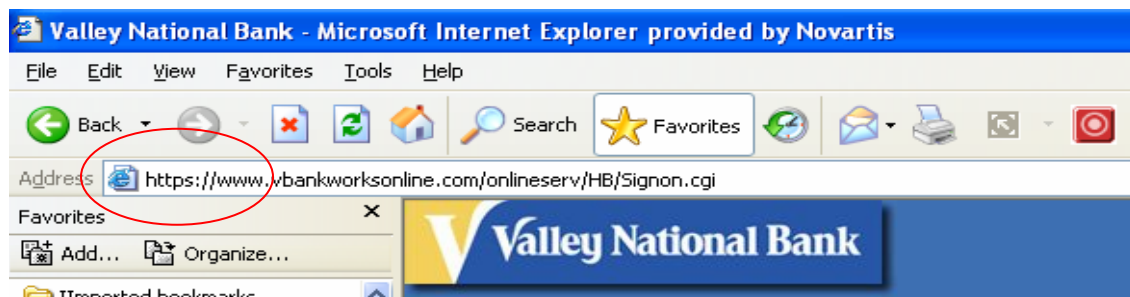
The address of a secure website begins with HTTPS://website.name

Example: Valley National Bank

When you first click on to the Valley National Bank website, below, note that it does **NOT** have the **HTTPS://** in its address. This is all right; there is no need for this portion of the website to be secure.



However, when you click the tab for Online Banking the address changes the beginning to **HTTPS://** as shown below. This is where you need your security.



The Security Icon

On a secure website, in the bottom right hand corner of your screen you will see a small **gold image of a padlock**. This icon, along with the **HTTPS://**, ensures you are at a secure website.

