

Stay safe on the internet

HERE ARE 6 EASY STEPS TO STAY SAFE ON THE INTERNET



1.) CHOOSE STRONG PASSWORDS

Passwords are one of the biggest weak spots in the whole Internet security structure. Nowadays it's very easy for hackers to crack your password. Select strong passwords that are harder for cybercriminals to demystify. A strong password is one that is unique and complex—at least 15 characters long, mixing letters, numbers and special characters.

2.) MAKE ONLINE PURCHASES FROM SECURE SITES

Only supply credit card or bank account information to sites that provide secure, encrypted connections. You can identify secure sites by looking for an address that starts with https: (the S stands for secure) rather than simply http:



3.) KEEP YOUR ANTIVIRUS PROGRAM UP TO DATE

Internet security software cannot protect against every threat, but it will detect and remove most malware—though you should make sure it's to date. Be sure to stay current with your operating system's updates and updates to applications you use.

4.) BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DOWNLOAD

A top goal of cybercriminals is to trick you into downloading malware—programs or apps that carry malware or try to steal information. This malware can be disguised as an app: anything from a popular game to something that checks traffic or the weather.



5.) USE A SECURE VPN CONNECTION

To further improve your Internet browsing safety, use secure VPN connection (virtual private network). VPN enables you to have a secure connection between your device and an Internet server that no one can monitor or access the data that you're exchanging.

6.) BE CAREFUL WHO YOU MEET ONLINE

People you meet online are not always who they claim to be. Indeed, they may not even be real. Fake social media profiles are a popular way for hackers to cozy up to unwary Web users and pick their cyber pockets. Be as cautious and sensible in your online social life as you are in your in-person social life.

