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TIPS To Increase Your Cybersecurity

These suggestions will help you improve your security awareness, so you can stay protected.

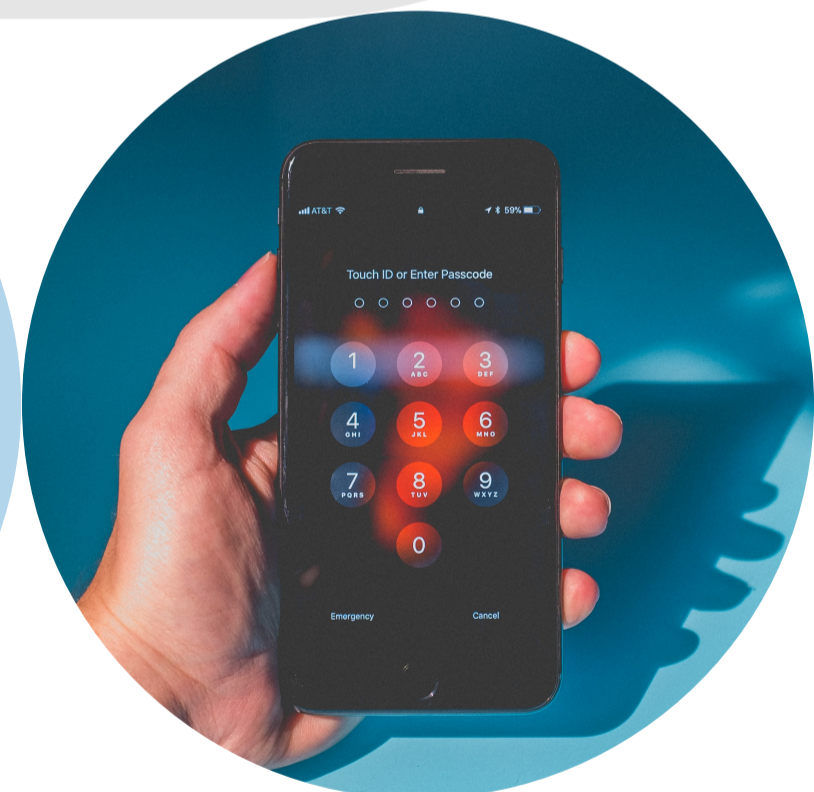
Here are some top tips to make sure your online experiences are as safe and secure as they can be.

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Manage your passwords

Make sure to use unique passwords and update them regularly. Utilizing a password management system, like PassPortal, can help you keep track of your passwords for different accounts.



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Think before you click

You're the first line of defense when it comes to your security. Remember to prioritize your safety and privacy on social media.

Never post information on your social accounts that you wouldn't want a potential employer, or even a scammer to see.



Be on the look-out for files or attachments within suspicious emails. If clicked, you may be unknowingly giving a hacker access to your computer.



Look for suspicious emails

Hackers will impersonate a legitimate organization or even your CEO to get you to hand over your information. The Catch Phish plugin from Breach Secure Now can analyze suspicious emails for you.



Use multi-factor authentication

MFA forces you to enter an additional authentication method, like a text message ID or even a fingerprint in order to access your credentials. This makes it harder for attackers to breach your account.



By patching outdated software, you'll lessen the risk of suffering a ransomware attack by removing vulnerabilities within your network.



Keep software updated

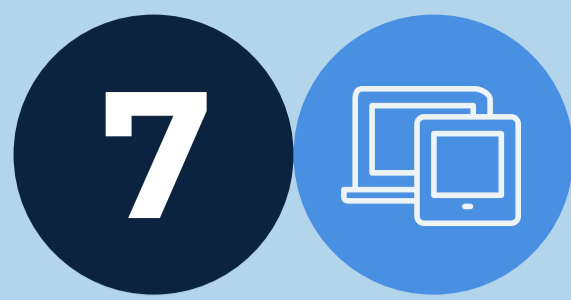
Turning on automatic system updates for your web browser and keeping Java and Flash up to date will help you maintain patch management best practices.



Back up your data

Follow the 3-2-1 backup rule: Keep **three** copies of your data on **two** types of media (ex. local and external hard drive), with **one** copy in an off-site location (cloud storage)





Don't leave your devices unattended

Make sure your devices are physically secure. It's easy for someone to steal data from your electronics when you're not looking. Make sure they're locked, encrypted or shut down when not in use.



Install anti-virus programs

AV protection helps block viruses from compromising your data. Using firewalls will help keep out hackers and determines what information should be entering your device.



Only install anti-malware protection from verified and trusted sources.



Know your digital footprint

Stay on top of your accounts and credit reports, remember not to use Wi-Fi without a VPN, and manage what information you give out. Staying knowledgeable on security best practices will give you the best chance at mitigating risk.



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