

# Stay Safe Online

# The Basics

We all spend significant amounts of time on the Internet. To ensure a positive online experience, you should always apply the appropriate security measures. Here are some basic steps that will go a long way.

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## Basic steps to improve your online security

- Ensure a website's security by checking for the "s" in the https:// in the URL at the top of your internet browser's search bar.
- Use strong passwords and add extra security with two-factor authentication.
- Update your devices' operating systems, software, and apps frequently.
- Avoid using public internet (Wi-Fi), and consider using a virtual private network (VPN) if you do.
- Set up secure Wi-Fi at home with a strong password to prevent strangers from logging on to your network.
- Only download applications from official app stores like The Apple App Store, Google Play, or the Samsung Galaxy Store.
- Use features such as "Find My Device" (on Android) or "Find My iPhone" (on iOS) to locate, lock, or erase your device's data in case it is lost or stolen.
- Install and use "anti-malware" software that helps find and remove "malware" or harmful software and apps.
- Back up your devices' data regularly to a safe storage place so that your data can be found in case of loss, theft, or a security problem.



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