

Stay Safe Online: Cybersecurity Tips for Everyday Life

1. Watch Out for Scams

- 🚨 **Urgency:** Scammers try to rush you—"Act now or lose access!"
- 🚨 **Suspicious Links:** Hover over links before clicking. Do they match the real website?
- 🚨 **Too Good to Be True:** "You won a lottery you never entered!"
- 🚨 **Requests for Personal Info:** Banks and companies won't ask for your password by email or phone.
- 🚨 **Gift Cards or Wire Transfers:** A huge red flag for scams.

2. Protect Your Accounts

- ✅ **Use Strong Passwords:** At least 12 characters, a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols. ✅
Don't Reuse Passwords: Each account should have its own unique password.
- ✅ **Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):** Adds an extra layer of security.
- ✅ **Use a Password Manager:** Helps keep track of all your passwords securely.

3. Be Cautious with Emails & Calls

- ✉️ **Don't Click Unexpected Links:** Verify with the sender before clicking.
- ✉️ **Beware of Attachments:** Unexpected files may contain viruses.
- 📞 **Don't Answer Unknown Calls:** Let them go to voicemail.
- 📞 **Government & Banks Don't Call for Money:** Hang up if they demand payment.

4. Check If You've Been Hacked

- 🔍 Visit [HaveIBeenPwned.com](https://haveibeenpwned.com): See if your email or passwords were leaked in a breach. 🔍
Change Passwords If Needed: If your info was exposed, update your passwords immediately.

5. Stay Confident Online

- 💡 **You Don't Have to Be Perfect:** Just make yourself a harder target than the scammers expect.
- 💡 **Pause Before You Act:** If something feels off, stop and verify.
- 💡 **Ask for Help:** Talk to family, friends, or a trusted tech-savvy person.



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