



# TOP TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ON THE INTERNET



## BE SAFE ON ALL DEVICES

**All devices** that connect to the internet are at risk, including phones and tablets, and **need protecting** too.



## ANTI-VIRUS PROTECTION

**Install anti-virus software** and **update this regularly** across your devices. Doing so reduces your risk of becoming a victim to a virus based attack.



## UNIQUE PASSWORDS ARE KEY

Use **strong and unique passwords** for your online accounts – if one account does get hacked, all your others should still be safe.



## UPDATE, UPDATE, UPDATE

**Updating device software** as soon as it asks **reduces your risk** of becoming victim of a hack.



## PUBLIC WI-FI SAFETY

Do you use free public Wi-Fi and enter personal details, such as passwords or bank details? **Using a VPN (Virtual Private Network)** ensures this information is **secure** and can't be seen by cyber criminals.



## BACKGROUND CHECK


If you are ever unsure about something online, **look on search engines and social media to see if others have been affected**. If you're still in doubt, throw it out.



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## ALWAYS CHECK FOR HTTPS



**Check the security of a website** when entering personal details - a  and **'https'** within the address bar **shows it is secure**.

## BEWARE OF LINKS AND ATTACHMENTS IN EMAILS



**Links and attachments in unsolicited emails may contain viruses**, or ask you to give away confidential information to criminals.

## BE SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY



**Update your privacy settings, don't accept 'friends' you don't know, and be aware** of how much information is online about you.

## REPORT IT



**Action Fraud** can help with any kind of scams, fraud or virus attack.

Report directly to social media websites where any issues take place.

If you have been threatened with physical harm, it is important to report it to the police.

