4 EASY WAYS
to stay safe online

Our online world needs to be protected. There are easy things we can do to ensure our information is safe from those wishing to steal it.

Recognize & report phishing

Most successful online intrusions result from a recipient of a "phishing" message accidentally downloading malware or giving their personal information to a spammer. Do not click or engage with these phishing attempts. Instead, recognize them by their use of alarming language or offers that are too good to be true. **Report the phish and delete phishing messages.**

Use strong passwords

Simple passwords can be guessed. **Make passwords at least 16 characters long**, random and unique for each account. Use a password manager, a secure program that maintains and creates passwords. This easy-to-use program will store passwords and fill them in automatically on the web.

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Turn on multifactor authentication (MFA)

Use MFA on any site that offers it. MFA provides an extra layer of security in addition to a password when logging into accounts and apps, like a face scan or a code sent by text. **Using MFA will make you much less likely to get hacked.**
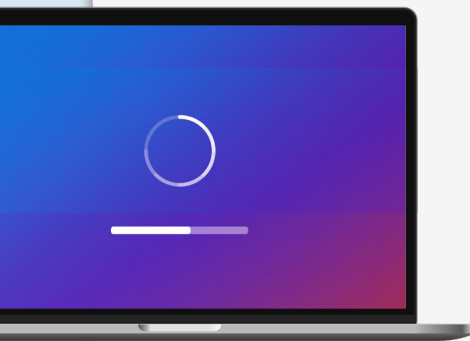
Update software

When devices, apps or software programs (especially antivirus software) notify us that updates are available, we should install them as soon as possible. Updates close security code bugs to better protect our data. **Turn on automatic updates to make it even easier.**

Taking these steps helps
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We can all help one another stay safer online, so share these tips with a family member or friend!

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