

HELP KEEP OUR MOB SAFE ONLINE

We hear lots of stuff in the news these days about dodgy computer viruses and hackers stealing info. It can make you scared to do anything online! But there are some simple things you can do to keep your personal info and online accounts safe.

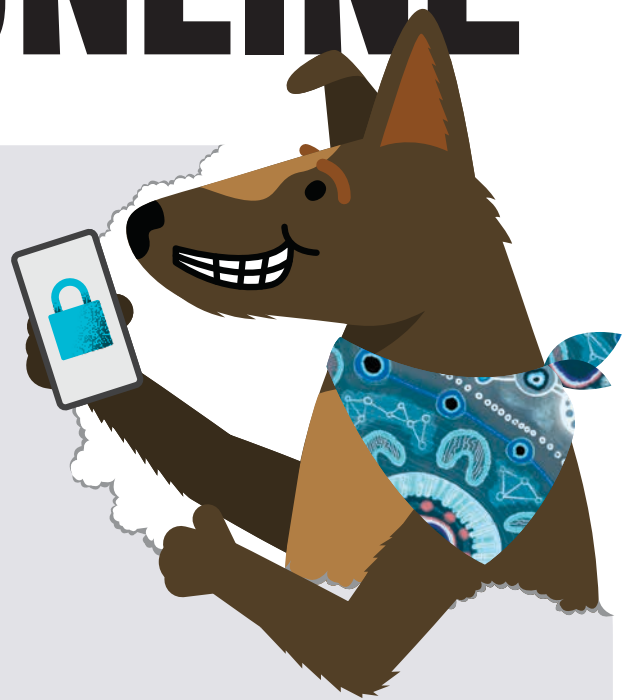
Use unique and strong passphrases on every account

A passphrase is like a password, but better. Instead of just one word or some letters and numbers, it's a bunch of random words put together. That makes it harder for bad guys to guess, but easier for you to remember!

Here's how to make a good passphrase:

- Use at least four random words (like *mob always people country*)
- Make sure it's 15 characters or more
- Use a different one for every account
- Don't use personal stuff like your name, birthday, or address
- Include symbols, capital letters, or numbers, if the website or service asks you to

You could also think about using an online password manager that can help create and store your unique passphrases. Learn more about unique and strong passphrases at: actnowstaysecure.gov.au/cyber-safe-actions



Install all software updates regularly

Update all of your gadgets that connect to the internet, like your phone, laptop and video game console, as soon as new updates come out. Updates fix problems that hackers can use to get in. Turn on automatic software updates so your device tells you when a new update is ready. That way you don't miss any!

Always turn on multi-factor authentication

Multi-factor authentication means you need a password or passphrase, and something else (like a code from a text, email or authenticator app) to log in. It makes it harder for hackers to break in, so turn it on whenever you can.

Watch out for scams

Scammers are people who try to fool you into giving them money or personal stuff like your name, address, or password. If something seems weird or too good to be true, don't trust it. Never send money or share personal info unless you're 100% sure it's real. You can call the real company to check if it's a scam.

Yarn with friends and family about how to stay secure online

It's really important to learn how to stay safe online — and to yarn about it with the people you care about. When you share what you know with your friends and family, everyone gets better at spotting online tricks and knowing how to stay protected.

Speak up about cyber attacks and hacks

If something bad happens online — like if you think you've been scammed or hacked — there's no shame. It's important to report it. Reporting helps experts stop the bad guys, warn others, and keep the internet safer for everyone.

For help and support, or to report a cybercrime, go to:
actnowstaysecure.gov.au/support

Know the dangers of public Wi-Fi

Public Wi-Fi isn't secure, which means there's the chance that information you enter while using it — like log-ins to your online banking or email accounts — could be accessed by cybercriminals. If you need to use public Wi-Fi, make sure you're connecting to the correct Wi-Fi, or hotspot straight to a trusted source (like a friend's phone), to protect yourself as much as possible. For example, if you're using the public Wi-Fi at your local library or community centre, have a look for an official sign with the Wi-Fi name and password, or ask someone who works there. Make sure you're typing in the exact Wi-Fi network name and password as written or told to you.

Check your privacy and location settings regularly

Check your privacy and location settings to make sure you aren't accidentally sharing personal or identifying information about yourself with the public. Settings to check include the privacy settings on your social media accounts and geolocation tracking on your apps and devices. Information like your town, the names of people in your family, or even your dog's name can be used by cybercriminals to try to impersonate you to access your accounts.

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