

5 Basic Online Safety Tips

A text message here, an email there. Sharing photos and videos on social media. Video calls with family and friends. Transferring money through Tikkie or your banking app. Accessing government services or medical appointments through DigiD. Wireless printing, remotely setting your home burglar alarm or putting on the heating... The internet makes daily life easier and more comfortable for so many people.

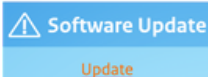
It is important to keep all your devices and accounts secure, from your smartphone to your printer, from Instagram to Gmail. Criminals are sadly just as active online as they are in the offline world. Take these five steps to secure your basic online safety. Make it that bit harder for cyber criminals.

01 - Set secure passwords for all your devices and accounts:



- The longer the better. Use a passphrase.
- Use a different password for each account. Keep your passwords in a password manager.
- Use two-factor authentication to log in where possible.

02 - Always update your smart devices immediately



- Smart devices are devices connected to the internet like printers, baby monitors, doorbells and even robot vacuum cleaners.
- Manufacturers keep your devices more secure with updates. So don't close those notifications!



03 - Use antivirus software

- Antivirus software scans your device for threats like viruses, malware and malicious apps.



04 - Back up your data regularly

- If hacked, you could lose everything. So make a copy of your files just in case.



05 - Always check before you click

- Criminals on the internet send fake links through emails, text messages or payment requests. They use these to get you to share your data or transfer money.

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