Secure Your Devices & Online Accounts

Use a different strong password for each of your online accounts

This helps to protect all your accounts if one is compromised or a data leak occurs. You can make a strong memorable password by combining three random words with numbers or symbols eg. *Bubb1esSyc@moreHipp0*

Protect your online accounts by enabling two-factor authentication (2FA)

This adds an extra layer of protection by sending you or generating a unique code whenever a new logon is attempted or account changes are made. You can then use the code to confirm a valid logon attempt.

If you regularly access multiple online accounts, consider using a reputable password manager

A password manager can securely generate, store and enter very strong passwords for all of your accounts. Some will also synchronise passwords between devices and warn you when a site has suffered a data breach.

Never click links in unexpected and unverified emails, texts and messages

These may install malware on to your device or open phishing sites designed to mimic real account logons and websites to steal your passwords, personal information and payment details. Never click links in unexpected emails, texts or messages unless you have verified them by another trusted means.

Ensure your operating system, apps and other software is kept up-to-date

Enable automatic updates on all your phones, computers, tablets and IoT devices. Patches are included in these updates to fix security bugs and vulnerabilities, keeping your devices and accounts safe from the latest threats.

Make regular backups of all your important documents, photos and videos

Regularly backup your phones, tablets and computers using cloud and/or local storage to prevent data loss in the event of a ransomware attack or user error. Disconnect your backup storage between each backup.

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- 🖐 Never assume an email, text, social media post or phone call is genuine

- 🖐 Stay in control – verify the email, text or call using another trusted means

- 🖐 Don't be rushed into clicking a link or supplying financial information

- 🖐 Don't pay unexpected bills, fines or charges unless they've been verified

- 🖐 Never reveal personal details such as your password or PIN

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