INTERNET SAFETY PRACTICES

In as much as you are a techie, a strong emphasis on comprehending less well known aspect of web as programing, web page interactions and secure connection can help you not to be vulnerable to internet attacks. Are you a Newbie? You must have had these experiences of getting on pages and servers that hacked your files and you ended up losing everything. Well, there are internet safe practices that would help, this is called Internet Safety.

**WHAT IS INTERNET SAFETY?**

Internet safety is the activity of adhering to practical standards, comprehending technology to safeguard your digital gadgets from the malicious world.

There are easy ways you can identify an online scam, sender’s identity, cyberbullies, protect your privacy using Ad blockers, VPN (Virtual Personal Network), verify link is safe (HTTP and HTTPS) where the S stands for Secure- A secure socket layer because Malware, short for -Malicious Software is designed to steal data, damage or destroy your computers and that’s why you need to study these practices.

Have you ever tried downloading a song an at the end it ends up not playing or you lost the song file, well, two possible things might have happen, either you downloaded a malware like Virus, Worms, Trojan virus, spyware, Adware and maybe the terrible nightmare, Ransomware.

Ransomware is capable of locking your files and demand for some amount of money paid which comes with no assurance of getting your files back.

Let’s begin with how to identify malicious networks and how to protect your devices/ gadgets.

**PROTECTING YOUR PC/ GADGETS**

1. Use Anti-Malware apps/ A serious Antivirus software

Windows defender, Avast are basic software’s asides other stronger payed ones that help to protect your files but while downloading these software’s, ensure you get it from the source and not a third party site.

Antivirus helps to flag and prevent these files from opening on your gadgets that is why you have to keep it updated. The developers of this software’s may have received feedbacks from consumers, it may not be you that was attacked but when you are not updated, there is a possibility you would be the next prey. Do not consider the cost of your data (MB or GB) that’s used up, would you rather lose all your files or spend just a little updating it?

1. Ad pop-up Blockers/ Safe browsers