

Digital Force Protection Checklist

Do

Use complex passwords

-All account passwords should be password manager generated 22+ character passwords with UPPER, lower, numbers, and symbols

Opt-out of all “personalized” ads

-Disable “Advertising ID” on all devices

Turn off WIFI, GPS, and Bluetooth when not directly in use

Always use Multi-Factor Authentication

-Typically found under “privacy and security” account settings. SMS is the least secure method

Google yourself and family

-Request images or data to be taken down as needed
-Update account privacy settings as needed

Don't Do

Don't reuse ANY passwords

-Breached passwords are sold and provided for free on the Dark Web. Even if you kept your password safe, companies can get hacked

Don't write down passwords openly

-Use your password manager which is end-to-end encrypted to store passwords, pins, and combinations.
-Use auto-disappearing encrypted chat at a minimum to share combinations or pins

Don't set privacy to “All”, “Public”, or “Everyone”

-Think of the Strava case study. Restrict posts and profile to “only with friends” or “only with myself”

Don't use SMS

-Use Signal. Set your chats to auto-disappear by default



Use a Password Manager



Enable Automatic Updates



Disable Personalized Ads.
Use an AdBlocker.



Enable Multi-Factor Authentication
using Authenticator App or Physical Yubikey



Always Use A VPN, such as ProtonVPN



Turn Off WIFI “Auto-Connect”
Clear Unused WIFI & Bluetooth Devices



Make and Maintain Backups
Keep important files backed-up offline



Opt-Out of data collection:
<https://simpleoptout.com/>



Google Yourself.
Request Opt-Out and DMCA Takedowns



Uninstall Unused or Unrecognized Applications



Create and use NON-Admin Accounts



Lock Devices with 8 Digit Pin or Text Password
Don't use Biometric options