**Online Security**

The internet offers access to a world of products and services, entertainment and information. At the same time, it creates opportunities for scammers, hackers, and identity thieves. Learn how to protect your computer, your information, and your online files.

**Computer & Mobile Security**

[**Computer Security**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0009-computer-security)

Secure your computer and protect yourself from hackers, scammers, and identity thieves.

[**Disposing of Old Computers**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0010-disposing-old-computers)

Getting rid of a computer? Follow these instructions to protect your personal information.

[**Disposing of Your Mobile Device**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0200-disposing-your-mobile-device)

Dispose of your mobile phone safely.

[**Laptop Security**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0015-laptop-security)

Here’s how to prevent a thief from snatching your laptop — and all the valuable information it houses.

[**Malware**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0011-malware)

Steps you can take to avoid, detect, and get rid of viruses and spyware.

[**Online Tracking**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0042-online-tracking)

Here are answers to some commonly asked questions about online tracking – how it works and how you can control it.

[**P2P File-Sharing Risks**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0016-p2p-file-sharing-risks)

Consider these computer security risks before you share files through a P2P network.

**Networks**

[**Securing Your Wireless Network**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0013-securing-your-wireless-network)

Protect the wireless network in your home.

[**Tips for Using Public Wi-Fi Networks**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0014-tips-using-public-wi-fi-networks)

Here’s how you can protect your personal information when you’re using public Wi-Fi hotspots.

[**Virtual Private Network (VPN) apps**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/virtual-private-network-vpn-apps)

If you’re looking for a more secure way to use public Wi-Fi, know the benefits and risks of Virtual Private Network (VPN) apps.

**Apps & Devices**

[**Apps to Help You Shop in Stores**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0515-apps-help-you-shop-stores)

What to know about apps that help you make purchases and find deals in brick-and-mortar stores

[**Understanding Mobile Apps**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0018-understanding-mobile-apps)

Consider these questions before you download a mobile app.

[**Using IP Cameras Safely**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0382-using-ip-cameras-safely)

When you shop for an internet camera, put security features at the top of your list. Here are tips to help.

**Common Online Scams**

[**"Free" Security Scans**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0263-free-security-scans)

Alarming messages on your computer warning that a ‘free’ scan has found malware could be a rip-off.

[**Hacked Email**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0376-hacked-email)

What to do if you think your email or social networking account has been hacked.

[**Online Dating Scams**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0004-online-dating-scams)

Signs that your online love interest is a scam artist.

[**Phishing**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing)

What to do about messages that ask for your personal information.

[**Tech Support Scams**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0346-tech-support-scams)

Tells what to do if you get a pop-up, call or any other urgent message about a virus on your computer.

[**Using Money Transfer Services**](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0090-using-money-transfer-services)

When and how to use a money transfer service safely.