



Simple Steps For Seriously Stronger Cyber Security

Hackers aren't wizards. They use simple methods to steal information and money. Simple steps can stop them. Here's what you should do.

Create Strong Passwords

- ☐ Pick 4-5 letters at random, then choose an interesting word that starts with each letter.
- ☐ Arrange the words into a phrase you can remember.

Protect Your Accounts

- ☐ Skip links and files in suspicious emails. Instead, go to the official website directly, or contact the sender outside of email to verify that the message is legit.
- ☐ Enable two-step verification to make sure you can get into your accounts, not just someone who has your password. Learn more at twofactorauth.org.
- ☐ Use a password manager to create and keep track of unique passwords for all of your accounts.

Protect Your Devices

- ☐ Use automatic updates for your devices and software. Reboot your system weekly so the updates can take effect.
- ☐ Backup your data to a drive or service that isn't always connected. That way, if your data is stolen, deleted or ransomed you will still have a copy.

Recover From Being Hacked

- ☐ Change your passwords and check any financial and privacy settings.
- ☐ Run a malware scan on your computer or phone.
- ☐ Perform a factory reset if you discover your computer was compromised.

LastPass.com - Online password manager
KeePass.info - Offline password manager
twofactorauth.org - Instructions for enabling two-step verification
haveibeenpwned.com - See if your account has been breached
virustotal.com - Scan individual links and files for malware
emsisoft.com - Standalone malware removal tools
malwarebytes.com - Free malware scanner

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