ACCOUNT SECURITY

Account security refers to the methods used to prevent account access from unauthorized users. Account security is important because it reduces the risk of cyber attacks, protecting users' private data from being stolen.

SECURITY BREACHES

A security breach occurs when an unauthorized user gains access to a person's online account. Security breaches can be devastating and difficult to recover from.

Once an unauthorized user gains access to an account, they can:

- Access private and personal data (passwords, messages, photos, emails, etc.)
- Post inappropriate content
- Send harmful messages to others under the user's identity
- Change passwords to control the account
- Sign into the account regularly without the user's knowledge

PREVENTING SECURITY BREACHES

- Use strong passwords
- Use security features like two-factor authentication
- Keep software up to date
- Review account activity frequently for suspicious activity
- Be cautious of phishing emails
- Always log out of personal accounts on public or shared devices
- Avoid using unsecured public WiFi

PASSWORD SECURITY AND CREATING STRONG PASSWORDS

- Avoid using dictionary words and easy to guess passwords. Instead, use a mix of letters, numbers, and special characters
- Sign out of accounts regularly
- Use different passwords for different sites
- Change passwords frequently