

Safe Web Browsing Transcript

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How many times a day do you put your personal data into a web page?

If you sign in to an online retailer: that's one. Applying for a credit card: that's another. Sharing pictures on social media or simply telling a weather site where you are... it's all personal data.

Did you know, that if you're using a website that isn't properly secured, almost anyone could intercept and read this personal data?

The good news is there's an easy way to check if the website you're using is secure. Simply look at the address. Secure webpages start with https. The "s" is the important part... it means secure. If the "s" is missing, and the page only has http, then it's not secure.

To make this even easier to see, browsers add a padlock icon next to the address when the page is secure. Website owners pay a Certification Authority to verify their site and that transactions are authentic. If you click on the padlock you can see who the certificate was issued to, who issued it and how long it's valid for.

Have you ever visited a website and received a message that there is a problem with the certificate? It could be expired, or someone could be using the wrong one. Simply click the padlock and check the information.

Remember, the personal data that you share online is valuable. Check the sites you visit start with https and look for the padlock. It's there to protect you while you're online.