

TOP 10 ONLINE SAFETY TIPS



Online safety begins with you. Read our top tips for staying safe on the web and find out what you can do to help protect your devices, information and family online at <http://aka.ms/onlinesafetyresources>.

DEFEND YOUR COMPUTER, TABLET AND PHONE 1

Safeguard your devices from viruses, spyware and other malicious software by keeping your software current and up to date.



PROTECT YOUR DATA 2

Your data is valuable. Shield sensitive information with strong passwords – and remember to keep them secret. Back up your data regularly and often.



BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU CLICK 3

Viruses, spyware, bots, Trojan horses, worms, hoaxes. There are many online risks – knowing about them is the key to avoiding them. Think before you open attachments or click on links in emails, even if you appear to know the sender.



GUARD YOUR DIGITAL IDENTITY 4

Sharing personal information without thinking can expose you to serious risks such as identity theft, fraud and online stalking. Be cautious about what – and where – you post online.



AVOID ONLINE SCAMS 5

Phishing scams, malware and data breaches are commonly used by online thieves to collect your personal data. They can use that information to impersonate or defraud you. Treat suspicious emails with caution.



SHARE SAFELY 6

We're sharing more information than ever in businesses, schools and at home. Use a secure, password-protected platform to share files while keeping data safe.



DON'T EXPOSE YOURSELF TO ONLINE RISKS 7

Internet safety begins with you. Stay away from websites that look suspect or unsafe. If in doubt, don't click!



SHOP SMART 8

When you're shopping online, look for assurances that the website will secure your transaction and keep your payment information safe. Never pay bills, bank or shop on a public computer.



UPGRADE YOUR BROWSER 9

Every time you open a web page, you're using your browser. Make sure you're using the latest version and take advantage of all its privacy and security features.



KEEP KIDS SAFER ONLINE 10

Are you worried that your kids are spending too much time on the internet? Warn them about online risks, including online bullying, and help to protect them with security software and online safety tools.

