

Keep Your Mobile Devices Safe

Did you know people are far more likely to lose or forget a mobile device than have someone hack into it? The number one thing you should do to protect your device is enable automatic screen locking when the device is idle. This means that to use your device, you must unlock the screen with a strong passcode, your face, or your fingerprint. This helps ensure that it is much harder for anyone else to access your information if your device is lost or stolen. For most mobile devices, when you enable the screen lock it also enables encryption, helping protect the data stored on the device. Other tips:

- ◆ **Is your device up-to-date:** If you're in the habit of only updating your phone or tablet when a cool new feature comes out, you're making yourself vulnerable. Check for updates regularly and don't wait for your device to alert you. As soon as you find an update, install it. Many contain security updates that protect your device from a cyber-attack.
- ◆ **Know what to do if it's lost:** Install or enable trusted software to remotely track your mobile device over the Internet. This way, you can connect to it over the Internet and find its location if your device is lost or stolen. You are also able to remotely wipe all your information in a worst-case situation.
- ◆ **Trusted Mobile Apps*:** Only install apps you need and stick to trusted sources. For Apple iOS devices such as iPads or iPhones, that means Apple's App Store. For Android devices, use Google Play; for Amazon tablets, utilize the Amazon Appstore.
- ◆ **Privacy Options:** Mobile devices collect extensive information about you, especially since you take them everywhere you go. Thoroughly review your device's privacy settings, including location tracking, and make sure sensitive notifications (such as verification codes) don't appear on-screen when the device is locked.

Your mobile devices are powerful tools, and you should enjoy using them without worry. Following these simple steps can go a long way towards keeping you and your mobile devices safe.



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