

# Play it safe online

Protect your personal information while you're online.

Being online lets you follow the news, connect with friends and family, shop, manage finances, and more. Consider these tips:

- Lock your devices just like you lock your front door. Use a passcode or fingerprint to lock your phone or tablet. If you have a computer, use a strong password that's at least 12 characters long.
- Know the red flags of scams. If someone contacts you and asks you to pay by wire transfer or gift card, be wary. It's probably a scam.
- Share with care. Limit how much personal information you share online. Set your social media profiles to private. If someone asks to connect with you on social media, only accept their request if you know them.

Report scams to [ftc.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint) or 1-877-FTC-HELP.  
Visit [staysafeonline.org](https://staysafeonline.org) for more tips.

