



Privacy at Home

- Only visit legitimate and trusted websites. Look for a small lock icon beside the URL and make sure the URL is what you expected.
- Before giving personal information to anyone, verify that they are a trusted source. For example, a bank would not send out personal inquiries by email. If in doubt, check it out.
- In many cases, your banking credentials can be used to access other secure services, such as Service Canada. Do this only with websites and services you trust!
- If someone is asking for your personal information, ask them why they need it. If it doesn't make sense to you, say no or get more details.
- Don't write your password down (if you do, hide it).



- Secure your phone. A complex password is most secure. ([see our Password Best Practices](#)).
- Turn on Find My Phone ([IOS/Android](#)).
- Apps – Turn off data collection, check app privacy settings, turn off tracking.
- Links to guides:
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/guides/iphone-privacy-tips/>
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/guides/privacy-tips-for-android-phone/>
- Check and manage your privacy settings on all the platforms you use:
 - <https://staysafeonline.org/resources/manage-your-privacy-settings/>



- Password should be complex ([see our Password Best Practices](#)).
- Use a different and complex password for each application/website. Consider using a Password Manager to keep track.
- Use 2-factor authentication for banking and health applications/websites.
 - <https://www.cyber.gc.ca/en/guidance/security-layers-multi-factor-authentication>
- Install and keep up-to-date anti-virus/malware software.
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- Check your privacy and sharing sections:
 - <https://support.xbox.com/en-US/help/family-online-safety/online-safety/manage-online-safety-and-privacy-settings-xbox-one>
 - <https://www.playstation.com/en-us/support/account/privacy-settings-psn/>
- If children are using the console, ensure your family/child settings are up to date.
- Do web searches for game titles along with the keyword "privacy" in case there are additional concerns and solutions.



- Router/Home Network – change your "admin" password & change Wi-Fi password:
 - <https://staysafeonline.org/online-safety-privacy-basics/securing-your-home-network/>
- Security cams and webcams – change default password to a complex password:
 - <https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/security-cameras/how-to-keep-your-security-cameras-safe>
- "Internet of things" – review your security settings and change the passwords for each device:
 - <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/securing-your-internet-connected-devices-home>

