

Top tips for keeping your business safe online



Choose, use and protect passwords carefully, and use a different one for every account.



Ensure that reputable internet security software is loaded on computers and security apps loaded on mobile devices, and kept updated and switched on.



If you get an email or other communication requesting an unusual payment, or re-direction of a payment to a different bank account, always call the company on the phone number you know to be correct to check the request is authentic.



Never reveal too much personal or financial information. You never know who might see it or use it, and you can never be sure who's asking.



Always keep software, apps and operating systems updated, as updates often contain security fixes. If you can, set programs and apps to update automatically.



Don't click on links in emails, texts or social media posts, or open email attachments if the source isn't 100% known and trusted. Remember that cybercriminals are highly devious and can even create fake sender email addresses and phone numbers.



When you or colleagues are out and about, never use Wi-Fi hotspots in places like cafés, bars and hotel rooms for anything confidential. They may not be secure or even be fake hotspots. Use your data, a mobile dongle or VPN instead.



Take your time and think twice, because everything may not be as it seems.

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