

# SECURE YOUR DEVICES

## PHONE AND TABLETS

Our mobile devices contain a lot of information about us. If we're not careful, a cyber criminal can steal this information. Learn how to keep your device – and your data – safe.

### Secure the data on your mobile devices

Mobile devices are today's multi-tools. We use them as cameras, maps, credit cards, watches and more. And sometimes, we even use them to make phone calls.



All of these new functionalities are great, but they also require us to share more personal, financial and location-based data. If a cyber criminal gets access to that information, the results could be disastrous. Securing your devices can help prevent that from happening.

## USE YOUR MOBILE DEVICE SECURELY

### Keep your phone and tablet up to date

Mobile operating system (OS) updates can include anything from a completely new version, to a patch or fix to strengthen security, remove bugs, or improve functionality.

Always update your device when prompted or turn on automatic updates if available. Learn more about software updates.

### Be careful with Bluetooth

Bluetooth technology links nearby devices, like wireless headphones, printers, and keyboards, to your mobile device or computer. And since your devices carry sensitive data, you'll want to take extra care when pairing anything through Bluetooth. Remember to always turn off Bluetooth when you're not using it so that hackers cannot detect your device and attempt to pair with it.

### Think before you text

SMS messages or texts are a convenient way to keep in touch with friends, but they can also make you vulnerable to malware, privacy breaches, and other criminal activities. Take a few precautions when texting:

Don't use text messages to send personal or sensitive information.

Never open attachments from unknown or untrusted sources.

Never click the links or call phone numbers in suspicious messages – even if they say they're from your bank or mobile provider.

### Connect carefully

Using Wi-Fi to save on your monthly data is a good idea – if you're careful. Public and unsecured private Wi-Fi networks can be a perfect opportunity for hackers to access your mobile device.

