



**Now's
the time to**

be safe online_



**It's important
that we all know
and follow some
simple tips to
stay safe online.**

Passwords

Think random.

Don't use meaningful words like family or pet names for passwords. These are easy to guess if people have information about you.



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Try using three random words that are easy to remember but hard to guess, like "Streetshirtflower". Making a story out of them can make them easier to remember.

 **Top tip:** Never give your password away. Treat a password like your bank card PIN number and keep it to yourself.

Social media

Social media is great for sharing things with family and friends, but it's important to stay safe.

 **Top tip:** Keep it private.

Privacy settings are there so you can control who can see the information you share online. Limit it to people you know, like friends, family and colleagues, who you're happy seeing your posts.

 **Top tip:** Don't reveal too much about yourself.

Try not to give out too many personal details on social media. This includes things like making your home address, your phone number or your email address visible.

Viruses

Just like the flu, viruses can attack your computer, tablet or phone, spreading from device to device. Fortunately, there are lots of ways to protect yourself.

 **Top tip:** Use up-to-date antivirus software. You can buy it online or in a computer shop.

Many new computers come with free antivirus software, but make sure to check when it expires so you can update or replace it.

Scams

Online scams are out there, but you can take easy measures to stay safe. Banks and companies will never ask for your full login details in a phone call or email. If someone contacts you, don't provide any personal information, no matter who they say they are.

Always call the company back on a publicly available number and check whether they tried to contact you.

 **Top tip:** Scamwatch (www.scamwatch.gov.au) contains lots of useful information about staying protected from scams and how to identify that something's not right.

Online courses - Be Connected

The Be Connected website has an entire topic dedicated to staying safe online.

Visit beconnected.esafety.gov.au to get started.