

# Basic digital safety skills

Introduction :Digital Safety skills online are crucial in modern day lives keeping us safe when we are online and protecting us. By using safety digital skills, we can use the internet in a more safe and secure way. This poster will highlight the importance of digital safety skills

### Useful facts.

- .ORG is a non-profit program
- .CO.UK. Is a UK based company
- .COM. Is a commercial company.
- .AC.UK. Is usually a university.
- .NET can be used by anyone.

### Online safety tips.

- 1.Use a strong password.
- 2. online purchases from secure sites.
- 3.being aware on what you post.
- 4.Keep your anti-virus program up to date.
- 5.privacy settings
- 6.email security
- 7.social media awareness.

### 1.Using a strong password

Strong passwords are essential and most importantly there to protect your electronic accounts and devices from unauthorized access. keeping your personal information safe from unwanted threats ,your password should always be up to date, as well as not using personal details as your passwords E.G your birthday. This can be very easy information to access about yourself. The more complex your password the better. Try using an number of words upper case and lower case and numbers.

### 4.Keeping your anti virus program up to date

keeping your anti virus program programs on your devices up to date is key in keeping unwanted viruses away. Hackers can exploit your devises . If you do not have a anti virus soft-ware you may be at a higher risk of virus and spyware .To download a anti virus software on to your computer is very simple. This can be done though the app store.

### 7.Social media awareness

Being aware on what we post when Is it visible to the public. Your birthday Your address even pet names can be highly sensitive information. *Void posting names ,phone numbers, addresses ,school and work locations, and other sensitive information as text or in a photo*

### 2.Online purchases from secure sights

Purchasing products online and being aware who we give our details to is very important. Not giving out your bank details to sites that may cause cyber threats. Always do your research online to check certain sites and read the small print. This can we very useful in keeping us protected online. What may seem as an legitimate site may be a scam to enter your bank details This is important to prevent cyber attacks to your personal information. Using trust pilot is a great way to look at sites and reviews from others who may have used them.

### 5.Privacy settings

you can control your privacy online by making your pages private so you have control over who visits your online accounts. *To set up a profile, we hand over what seems like harmless information like date of birth and email address but with this sudden surge of people uploading their personal details, there was a sudden flood of data that hackers could target.*

### 3.Being aware what we post

Posting on social media has become very common , however we need to insure we are not posting sensitive information for the public to see . ***Phishing involves a scammer pressuring you to give the hacker your money or valuable info. They pretend to be credible, usually as a trusted organization or someone you may know. Phishing scammers may call, text, email, or message you on social media. But they can also use fraudulent apps, websites, and social media profiles.*** We leave our digital footprint everywhere on the internet this includes sites we look at information we submit online and much more. Being aware of our digital footprint can be tracked a person online activities and devise.

**6.Email security** Email is a common threat vector for cyber attackers because it is simple but effective. Almost all organizations use email to communicate with employees, vendors, and clients, and tricking a user into clicking a malicious link or opening an infected attachment is often easier than identifying and exploiting a vulnerability in an organization's systems. Also, email-based attacks can be automated, making them highly scalable. we can prevent email scammers by identifying and blocking potential scammers in the future .do not click on untrusted links and be aware email attachments

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