DIGITAL SKILLS

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Basic Online Digital Safety

The core principle of online digital safety is to safeguard an individual's data, information, and online activities from unauthorized access and potential threats.

Using only strong passwords

An effective password should be long, include numbers and capital letters, and be unique for each account. It's also recommended to disable the automatic password-saving feature for better security.

Scams recognising

Be cautious with emails from unknown senders, as scammers use misleading tactics to steal sensitive information. Stay vigilant and examine unfamiliar messages to protect your personal and financial data.

Install antivirus software on the computer.

An antivirus system is essential for identifying and protecting computers from viruses. It is crucial to update the antivirus software regularly, as outdated systems may fail to recognize newer threats.

Personal Information

To reduce risks linked to social media, it is vital to refrain from oversharing personal information. Avoiding the disclosure of sensitive details like address, phone number, or financial data is crucial for protecting privacy and security (National Cyber Security Centre, 2024).

Authentication

An extra layer of security is implemented by necessitating a second form of verification, such as an SMS code or an authentication application, during account logins (Malwarebytes, 2024).

Use WI-FI carefully

Avoid using public Wi-Fi for sensitive activities like banking. Use a VPN for added privacy when connecting to the internet.

Be Mindful of What to share online

Once content is online, it can be difficult to remove. Users should be cautious about sharing information, as it creates a lasting digital footprint that records their online activities and interactions.

Stay safe online!

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