

BASIC DIGITAL SAFETY

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Access to the internet for work and personal purposes has become an important element of financial success and opportunity, but also expose us to potential threats like virus, malware, online scams and hackers.

It is important that we take care of these risks and take proactive steps to protect ourselves online. (Ruth Shillair *et al.*, 2015)

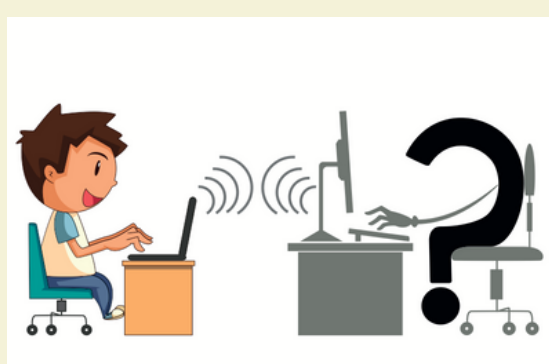


Importance.

The internet is a useful instrument with a wide range of beneficial applications, but there are risks involved as well.

Most of people are connected via laptops, mobile phones, tablets to the internet. On the internet we can make friends, learning, staying in touch. However, without proper safety, we could fall victim to:

- Your personal information can be used to steal your finances, or to use your identity for bad things.
- Risk of online bullying.
- You can fall prey to fake news.
- Hackers can access your personal account and use sensitive information.



Digital safety rules:

- **STOP** to share your personal information.
- **Be accurate** at public wifi, use a secure internet connection.
- **Stay safe** from emails scams.
- **Protect your device** with strong password.
- **Look at domain name** and check websites.
- **Be careful** what you download.
- **Be careful** at misinformation.
- **Use anti-virus, or security software program.**



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