

Basic Digital Safety



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Today people are more connected than ever. With the internet access as a gateway to information, social interactions and learning resources. People are susceptible to risk and benefit. (Lcom team, 2024)



Whats is online safety?

In simple terms, online safety means protecting yourself and others from risks and dangers on the internet. We often go online without thinking about potential threats, but it's important to be aware of the risks that exist.

Digital security is all about keeping your devices—like computers, smartphones, and tablets—safe from threats such as hacking, phishing, and other online risks. It also focuses on protecting your personal information, ensuring that it doesn't get misused or sold by companies. To stay secure online, there are several tools you can use, like VPNs to hide your online activity, password managers to store and organize your login credentials, password generators to create strong and unique passwords, and identity monitoring services that alert you if your personal data is compromised. Taking these precautions can help safeguard your privacy and make your online experience much safer. (Safe Online, N.D.)

Measuring online safety is crucial to creating a safer digital world. It helps policymakers make informed decisions, raises awareness about digital risks, and guides the development of security measures. However, measuring digital safety isn't easy. It involves preventing harm, moderating harmful content, encouraging responsible platform design, and giving users control over their digital experiences. This becomes even more complex as technology evolves rapidly and new regulations are introduced. (Vidgerman, Turner 2024)

Related literature

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This Website is Safety?

We use the internet so frequently that we often don't pause to consider which websites are safe to visit. But the reality is, browsing potentially harmful sites can have serious consequences. These risks include phishing attacks, viruses, malware, and even identity theft. Clicking on the wrong link or entering your personal information on an untrusted site could put you at risk for these dangers. It's important to be cautious and recognize warning signs, like unfamiliar URLs or suspicious pop-ups, to protect yourself online. (Vidgerman, Turner 2024)



Here are a few quick signs that a website is safe to use:

- Padlock symbol next to the URL
- HTTPS in the URL (instead of just HTTP)
- A clear privacy policy on the site
- The site accepts all major payment methods

These are good indicators that the website is legitimate and secure.

It's also important to watch out for red flags that could signal a website is unsafe:

- Your browser warns you that the site is insecure
- The site has lots of pop-ups or redirects you to suspicious sites
- It only accepts bank transfers or wire payments, with no other secure options
- There's no return policy or privacy policy available on the site

If you spot any of these signs, it's best to steer clear of the site.

Spending just a few minutes preparing can go a long way in keeping you safe online. The time you spend doing a bit of research and taking a few precautions is nothing compared to the potential cost of losing your personal data in a breach or having your identity stolen. And even if some of your data is compromised, following simple guidelines can help minimize the damage and keep the impact low. (Safe Online, N.D.)

