

## GET SET UP FOR SAFETY

# Secure Your Devices

Secure your devices to ensure peace of mind when online. Learn how to adjust settings to enhance privacy and security and keep your information safe. Check off the list below as you go.

### Set up a strong, unique password

- ☐ Use a mix of numbers, letters, and symbols.
- ☐ Or try a passphrase – i.e. a sentence or even a song line that you will remember i.e ‘mycatlovespinksalmon22##’.
- ☐ Change your passwords immediately if you suspect someone has accessed your online accounts.

### Check your two-factor authentication settings

- ☐ Set up two-factor authentication (2FA) on email, social media, banking, and shopping accounts. 2FA adds a secure, user-approved step to logins, often via your phone or email.

### Your device settings

- ☐ Set up your screen to lock when not in use.
- ☐ Turn on spam filters for your email and phone.

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## Your software and app settings

- ☐ Regularly update device software.
- ☐ Make sure you have antivirus software on all devices, including mobile phones.
- ☐ Check app reviews and permissions before downloading.
- ☐ Regularly review and update privacy and security settings.

## Your web browser settings

- ☐ Use browsers that support secure connections (https).
- ☐ Block pop-up ads and enable fraud warnings.

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