5 Cybersecurity Best Practices

Protect your personal information, safeguard your accounts, and reduce the risk of fraud with these essential cybersecurity habits.

1. Use strong, unique passwords

Your financial and online accounts contain sensitive information that should be protected from unauthorized access.

- Use a long, unique password for each account.
- Store passwords in a trusted password manager.
- Never share passwords or account credentials with anyone.

2. Enable multifactor authentication (MFA)

MFA adds an extra layer of security and helps prevent unauthorized access to your accounts.

- Enable MFA on financial, email, and other important accounts.
- Use an authenticator app whenever possible.
- Never approve an MFA notification you did not initiate.

3. Be alert to phishing and fraud attempts

Scammers often impersonate financial institutions, financial professionals, government agencies, or trusted companies to steal personal information.

- Be cautious of urgent requests involving money, personal information, or account access.
- Verify requests through a trusted phone number or official website.
- Avoid clicking unexpected links or opening suspicious attachments.

4. Keep your devices and apps updated

Software updates often include important security improvements that help protect against cyber threats.

- Enable automatic updates whenever possible.
- Keep your computer, smartphone, tablet, browser, and apps up to date.
- Use reputable antivirus and security software.

5. Secure your networks and devices

Using secure connections and protecting your devices can help keep your personal and financial information safe.

- Avoid accessing financial accounts on public Wi Fi.
- Use secure, password-protected home and mobile networks.
- Lock your devices when not in use.

THE BOTTOM LINE

A few simple cybersecurity habits can go a long way toward protecting your finances and personal information. If something seems suspicious, take a moment to verify before you click, respond, or share information.



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