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## Mobile Safety Tips

The first step is to **STOP. THINK. CONNECT.** Take security precautions, understand the consequences of your actions and enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

### Keep a Clean Machine

- **Keep software current.** Running the most recent versions of your operating system, security software, apps and Web browsers is among the best defenses against malware, viruses and other threats.

### Protect Your Personal Information

- **Secure your device.** Use a strong passcode to lock your smartphone or tablet.
- **Secure your accounts.** Enable two-step authentication when offered, and consider changing passwords to any accounts you accessed while connected to an unfamiliar network.
- **Think before you app.** Understand what information (i.e., location, your contacts, social networking profiles, etc.) the app would access and share before you download it. Always download apps from trusted sources.
- **Back it up.** Sync your contacts, photos, videos and other mobile device data with another device or cloud service on a weekly basis.

### Connect with Care

- **Get savvy about Wi-Fi hotspots.** When using a public or unsecured wireless connection, avoid using sites and apps that require personal information like log-ins.
- **Disable auto-connect.** Automatically connecting to networks can leave you vulnerable to hackers and others. Switch off your Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connections when not in use.
- **When in doubt, throw it out.** Delete any online communications (i.e., texts, emails, social media posts) that look suspicious, even if you think you know the source.
- **Protect your money.** When banking or shopping online, use only trusted apps or websites that begin with <https://>.

### Be a Good Online Citizen

- **The Golden Rule.** Be respectful on your device. Treat others as you would like to be treated when texting, calling or using social networks.
- **Share with care.** Be a true friend when taking and sharing photos and videos with your smartphone. Get permission from friends before you share them via text or social networks.
- **Be Web Wise.** Stay informed of the latest updates to your device and apps. Know what to do if something goes wrong.

Lastly, remember: **Safer for me, more secure for all.** What you do online has the potential to affect everyone. Practicing good online habits benefits the global digital community.

