

Building Your Online Security

Quick tips to keep your information private



In our increasingly digital world, managing finances online has become both convenient and essential. However, with convenience comes the risk of encountering online scams that target your personal and financial information. Scammers are constantly evolving and adapt their methods to exploit vulnerabilities.

With vigilance and proactive steps, you can safeguard your information and keep scammers at bay.

Here are a few tips to follow that can help keep your finances secure.

Strengthen Your Passwords

- Passwords are your first defense against unauthorized access.
- Use unique, complex passwords for each account.
- Combine upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters.
- Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) for an additional layer of security.
- MFA requires a second form of verification such as a text code or biometric scan to access your accounts.
- A password manager can help you generate and store secure passwords, reducing the temptation to reuse them.

Monitor Your Accounts Regularly

- Stay alert to unauthorized activity by frequently reviewing your bank statements.
- If your bank has an app, download it on your smart phone to easily access your account and check your recent transactions.
- Many banks offer transaction alerts, notifying you of account activity in real time.
- Report suspicious transactions immediately to your financial institution.
- Quick reporting can limit losses and ensure prompt resolution.

Stay Informed on the Latest Scams

- Scammers evolve their tactics constantly, so staying informed is crucial.
- Follow your bank's blog or newsletter for updates on emerging threats.
- Familiarize yourself with consumer protection resources.
- Never click on links or download attachments from unknown sources.
- If you receive an unexpected communication from your bank, take a moment to verify its legitimacy.
- Contact your bank directly using the official phone number or website.

Bonus Tip: Be Careful What You Share Online

Social media can reveal more about you than you think. Avoid sharing details like your birthday, address, or answers to common security questions in posts or comments. Scammers often use this information to guess passwords or craft convincing phishing attempts. Always have your accounts set to private.



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