INTERNET SAFETY

Internet is everywhere today — at work, home, coffee shops, airports. Thanks to wireless technology, it follows you virtually everywhere. There is no doubt that the Internet makes our lives easier. Activities and tasks that took hours to be completed can be taken care of quickly and easily. But as beneficial as the Internet might be, it is also a breeding ground for fraud, identity theft and piracy. Use the Internet, but use it very wisely.
Keep Your Personal Information Private

The Internet is full of opportunities to share personal information, but this can make you vulnerable to identity theft, cyberstalking, and other issues. According to Public Opinion on Privacy, 89% of people are concerned about the level of personal information on the Internet.

It's common to include a lot of information on your profile. From your employer to your religious views, think twice before you put it out on the web. Make sure the information you share is suitable for all eyes.

Think About Photos before Sharing

Sharing photos can be a great way to connect with friends and family, but they can also make you vulnerable. Before sharing a picture, take a few minutes to examine the background for details. Be sure you fuzz out our crop photos that show your house address, your car license plate, and other information people could use to find you.
Check a Company's Privacy Policy before Buying

You've probably noticed that you begin receiving email or even phone calls after making a purchase. This can happen when a company shares your information and purchase history with others. Before you make any Internet purchase, check the company's privacy policy. They should never share or sell your personal data.

Watch Out for Phishing
Phishing is a common trick used by identity thieves to gain your personal information. This crime involves sending e-mails or creating sites that appear to be from a legitimate company and asking you to confirm personal information such as bank account numbers, passwords, birth dates, or addresses. Most of the trusted sites won’t be dealing by sending mails to users to get the personal information but few sites may lead you to phishing scams. When you get those kind of mails you need to directly contact the original site officials to confirm about that mail.

Think Before Opening Email Attachments

Don't open email attachments from people you don't know. These attachments may contain viruses or other malware. Additionally, think at least twice before you open an attachment from someone you do know. It's common for email accounts to get hacked, and the hackers may send messages and attachments to all of the people in the address book.
Don’t get hooked by an email scam.

If it doesn't sound like something your friend might send you, email him or her separately to find out if it's legit.