

PRACTICAL PRIVACY TIPS

Sometimes it feels like everyone's eyes are on you--CTV cameras, hackers, on-line scrapers, cookies, and regulators.

We each should build privacy into everything that we do on-line and offline.

Use these practical privacy tips today!

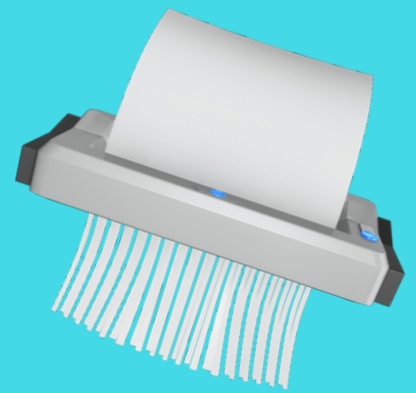
1 SHARE WITH CARE

Do you trust the business that you are buying a product or service to keep your personal information safe and secure? Share the least amount of information necessary, and ask to see their privacy policy or privacy charter.



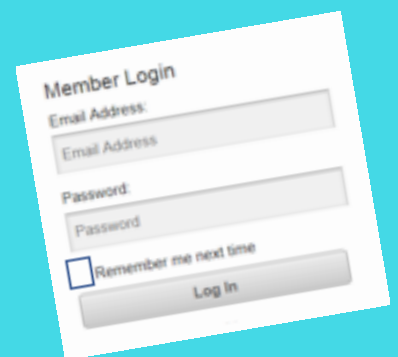
2 SHRED OR ENCRYPT

Keep your papers securely, encrypt digital devices (even your smart phone!) Securely shred or destroy the information when you no longer need it. Make sure no personal information is left behind!



3 DON'T USE THE "REMEMBER PASSWORD" FUNCTION

If you use a shared computer and forget to disable the 'remember password' function, the next person who goes to the same e-mail or social networking site could automatically login to your account!



4 LOG OFF EVERY TIME

Make sure you sign out of social media and e-mail sites when you are done. Closing a browser window is not the same as logging off. Someone could access your account by using the computer right after you and opening the browser window.

5 PRIVATE VPN

Install a private VPN connection on your mobile device. This encrypts your IP address and all the data before it goes to the public Wi-Fi. Save data charges and secure your information. Look for free and inexpensive private VPN providers.



6 PASSWORD REMINDER TIPS

Next time you create a new user account and set your personal reminders in case you forget your password - you don't have to tell the whole truth. Who knows? You really might have been born in Disneyland!

7 USE UNIQUE USER ID AND PASSWORD - EVERY TIME!

When you reuse a user name and password and it has been compromised from another site, attackers could gain access to more of your accounts over and over again!



8 USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

Remembering unique user names and complex passwords for many accounts is hard! But using a password manager software that syncs across all your devices is easy! Free accounts with some products maybe even your current anti-virus software!

