Setting Security and Privacy



1. Configuring security and privacy

Setting passwords, switching firewalls on and checking privacy settings are important steps in securing your computer.

 DO set passwords, turn on security and configure your privacy on your computer and mobile device.

2. Security software

Security software helps manage your security. It is sold as a subscription that has to be renewed regularly. An anti-virus and active monitoring software package is recommended.

- DO install security software to help you maintain the safety of your computer.
- DO keep your subscription up to date.

3. Covering the webcam

A webcam cover protects against spying through a webcam.

- DO cover your webcam.

What is it?	Also called	What it does
Network security tools	Firewalls, intrusion detection systems, intrusion protection systems	Finds and stops bad network traffic (data in and out sent from Malware)
Active detection	Instant Messaging (IM) protection, anti-spam, anti-phishing detection, ad-blocking software, privacy filter	Finds software program code with malicious functions in the application you are using and blocks them
Content filter	Child filter, parental filter	Restricts the use of the computer to safer websites



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Anti-virus	Anti-malware (virus), Windows Defender and Apple Security	Examines files as they are used and scans all files on a regular basis to determine if they are performing undesirable or unauthorized actions on the computer
Secure deletion	File Shredder	Deletes files so they cannot be recovered
Network and anonymity	Virtual Private Networks (VPN)	Provides a more secure connection and conceals your location

- Report an incident

It's not always easy to spot a scam, and new ones are invented every day.

If you suspect that you may be a target of fraud, or if you have already sent funds, don't be embarrassed - you're not alone. If you want to report a fraud, or if you need more information, contact The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:

1-888-495-8501, or

http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/reportincident-signalerincident/index-eng.htm







Glossary of Terms

Cortana	Windows personal assistant program that works with voice.
Firewall	A computer safety barrier between networks or a computer and the network.
Malware	Software designed primarily for a malicious purpose.
Scam	A dishonest or deceptive scheme usually for criminal purposes.
Scammer	A person conducting scams.
Screen lock	A barrier to accessing the function of a touch device by locking the screen.
Webcam	An Internet enabled (World Wide Web) video camera.

