

Security Tips for Mobile Devices

Please review the following information that should help you keep your mobile device more secure:

- **Invest in security tools.** Have security software installed and keep it updated with the latest version. With the thousands of new malware variants running every day, having a set of old virus definitions is almost as bad as having no protection at all.
- **Regularly update your software.** This includes the operating system, the browser and all of the plug-ins that a browser typically uses.
- **Back up data and scan systems regularly.** It's important to back up your information so that you can retrieve it in a worst case scenario. Scan networks, systems, and devices for malware frequently to stop data breaches as soon as they start.
- **Do not save financial information.** Do not save credit or debit card, banking account or routing numbers, on your computer, phone or tablet.
- **Be vigilant about using a password on mobile devices.** Be sure to set your devices to automatically lock after a selected period of time to ensure no one can access your smartphone, tablet or laptop.
- **Do not use public Wi-Fi.** Do not log into accounts and do not conduct any sensitive transactions, such as shopping or banking, while using public Wi-Fi. Disable the “automatically connect to Wi-Fi” setting on your device.
- **Install applications from trusted sources.** When downloading apps, be proactive and make sure that you read the privacy statement, review permissions, check the app reviews and look online to see if any security company has identified the app as malicious.
- **Install a phone locator/remote erase app.** Misplacing your device doesn't have to be a catastrophe if it has a locator app. Many such apps allow you to log on to another computer and see on a map exactly where the device is. Remote erase apps allow you to remotely wipe data from your device, helping minimize unauthorized access to your information in the event you cannot locate the device.
- **Carefully dispose of mobile devices.** With the constant changes in the smartphone market, many users frequently upgrade to new devices. Make sure you wipe the information from your smartphone before disposal. For information on how to do this, check the website of your mobile provider or the manufacturer.
- **Contact the Bank if your device is lost or stolen.**