

Ways You Can Protect Your Data:

This month: Keep Your Equipment Up to Date



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- Install the most up-to-date antivirus and anti-spyware software on all devices that connect to the Internet (e.g., PCs, laptops, tablets, smartphones)
- Set each device to run regular scans to update software.
- Ensure you've installed the latest versions of your software and your patches are up to date.
- Make sure your networking equipment and computers are all still supported by the manufacturer.
- Recycle, exchange, or dispose of your old mobile device safely by:
 - backing up your data,
 - performing a secure erase (factory reset) or have the device vendor wipe your device,
 - removing SIM and SD cards from your cell phone
 - transfer to new phone or destroy.



- Don't purchase any networking devices secondhand.
- Forget to set up a passcode or PIN and auto-lock on your mobile devices.
- Use free or found USB drives, as they typically are infected with malware.