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HOW TO STAY SAFE ON PUBLIC WI-FI



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how to stay safe on public Wi-Fi



WHAT IS PUBLIC WI-FI?

Most people today carry an **internet-enabled device**, such as a **phone**, **laptop**, or **tablet**. To get online access and avoid expenses, people use Wi-Fi, which is widely available. However, there are many **potential risks** as users aren't often aware of whose network they're joining, what data they're sharing or how they may be subject to a cyberattack. It is safest to assume that **no public Wi-Fi is secure**. Any encrypted data can be monitored and collected, and you may be potentially giving away sensitive information.

TIPS TO STAY SAFE

When you need to connect to a public Wi-Fi network:

01

Check your connection is **secure**, using **HTTPS** with the **lock icon** (on the left side of the bar).

02

Avoid sites that contain **sensitive information**: **don't do your banking** on a public network

03

Don't click on **popups** asking you to **install/download software**

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



ROGUE WI-FI NETWORKS

An attacker sets up a hotspot, which becomes the conduit for all data exchanged over the network.



DATA IS A VALUABLE COMMODITY

Attackers steal sensitive information like your online banking credentials to mimic your identity.



ANYONE CAN BE AN ATTACKER

Scamming tools are easy to obtain and learn, so attackers require minimal training or skill.