



# CYBER SECURITY TIPS 7 MORE



If you are already following the [Big 7 Rules of Cyber Security](#) and want more tips for improving your security, look no further.

## 1. Don't use someone else's computer

Avoid Internet café computers (yes they still exist), but also the devices of your friends and family. Despite the owner's assurances they don't know whether their device is secure. Once you have typed your password into an unprotected device you will never know whether it has been logged and sent off to a bad guy.

## 2. Put a password, passcode or PIN lock on all mobile devices

A golden rule and although I feel that I shouldn't need to tell people this I am still surprised to find that people switch this feature off. The password or PIN lock is the only defence you have if your mobile device is lost.

## 3. Don't use personal stuff at work

You don't want to be the employee that caused the system breach at work. It's embarrassing but that's not the half of it. It's also a threat to your job. Familiarise yourself with your company's computer policy. Even then, however, avoid using your personal email, social media, USB sticks or mobile devices on the business network.

## 4. Encrypt your data

Even with a strong password it is possible for someone with physical access on your device to get your data. A phone thief can connect your stolen mobile to their computer and access all your files. Encryption prevents this by scrambling your data so that no one can read it unless they have the encryption key. On Windows it's called [BitLocker](#). On a Mac it's called [FileVault](#). On iOS it is [enabled with passcode](#). Android devices can be a bit complicated but [a useful guide can be found here](#).

## 5. Subscribe to identity protection




Usually by the time you become aware that you are the victim of [identity theft](#) it is too late. When it comes to preventing it you need help. Experian operate [a credit monitoring service](#); and banks and credit card companies [bundle protection with their products](#).

## 6. Don't give out personal information

The more the bad guys know about you the easier it is for them to scam you. Key pieces of information include your full name, contact details, date of birth, mother's maiden name, national insurance number and, of course, financial information. Guard your personal information and be wary whenever you are asked for it.

## 7. Guard your Wi-Fi

When you are on the go there are lots of opportunities to connect to the Internet using the Wi-Fi provided by trains, hotels, coffee shops and airports. Although tempting it is usually safer to use your phone as a hotspot and tether your device. If you have to use these free networks, then remember the following:

-  If there is no password, then the Wi-Fi network is not secure. Disconnect immediately
-  Double check the Wi-Fi name with the establishment
-  It is preferable to choose the Wi-Fi network manually. Switch off auto-connect

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