



Mobile devices have become an indispensable part of our daily personal and professional lives, from messaging friends, reading personal or company email, banking online, or sending and receiving documents. Our mobile devices are powerful tiny computers, but they're far easier to lose or have stolen. Because of this, these portable wonders pose some unique and additional risks.

We'd like to offer the following tips to help you...

Secure your devices:

- The first thing you should do is to **enable the automatic screen lock** and use a strong pass code, password, or touch ID. These security measures can help protect your information if your devices are lost or stolen and keep prying eyes out.
- **Disable WiFi and Bluetooth when not in use.** Some stores and other locations look for devices with WiFi or Bluetooth turned on to track your

movements while you are within range

- **Beware of WiFi hotspots.** Public wireless networks and hotspots are not secure, which mean anyone could potentially see what you're doing while your device is connected.
 - » Limit what you do on public WiFi
 - » Avoid logging into key accounts like email or financial services
 - » Use a virtual private network (VPN) or personal/mobile hotspot if you are conducting business or need a more secure connection
- **Secure your Apps.** Information about you is accessed and collected through the apps you use, like where you shop, your location, online searches, your contact lists, photos, etc. Check the security and privacy settings and update for your level of

what you will allow to be shared.

Keep a Clean Machine:

- **Keep your mobile devices and apps up to date:** Having the most up-to-date security software, web browser, operating system and apps is the best defense against viruses, malware and other online threats.
- **Delete when done:** Many of us download apps for specific purposes, such as conferences or planning a vacation, and no longer need them afterwards, or may have old apps that are not useful or interesting any longer. Delete all apps you no longer use.

