

# What is Get Safe Online?

Get Safe Online is the UK's leading source of unbiased, authoritative and easy-to-understand information on protection against fraud, identity theft, viruses and many other problems encountered online – as well as physical computer theft/loss, backups and related topics.

Aimed at consumers and small businesses and jointly funded between the Government and Private Sector, Get Safe Online is the Government's default online security advice channel. A world-leading initiative, Get Safe Online is a not-for-profit organisation.



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## Protecting your PC: The facts

Your PC. One of the most useful things you own ...

...is also one of the most vulnerable.



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Online

Surfing

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Banking

Travelling

Communicating

Info

Writing

Designing

Playing

When you rely  
so much on  
your PC ...

... how can you be  
sure it's properly  
protected?

For most of us, it's hard to imagine life without our PC. It's our method of choice to keep updated with information and news, communicate, check our bank accounts, browse and shop, obtain entertainment, access services and much more.

However, the fact that we use our PCs to access so much from so many places, makes them highly vulnerable to attack from online criminals. Whatever you do online, you're at risk of someone trying to infect your computer with viruses or malware that can cause considerable damage to it, as well as leaving the way open for them to steal your money, your identity, or both.

From practising safe browsing and being careful about which emails to open, to installing anti-virus software, downloading updates, making backups and securing your wireless network, there are many ways to protect your computer from cyber-crime that don't have to cost a lot of money or take a lot of time or expertise to install.

**You can read all about them at [Get Safe Online](http://www.getsafeonline.org). It's full of comprehensive information on taking the right precautions, avoiding unnecessary risks, and what to do if something happens to you.**

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