Keeping Your Mobile Device Secure

Treat your mobile device like the computer it is.

It connects to the Internet, stores and processes files and handles your private email. It deserves to be protected like your computer, too.

- Install, use and keep security software up-to-date.
- Install and run anti-virus and anti-malware software if available.
- Keep you operating system, browser and other software current.

Protect your slice of the PII

Your device holds a lot of personally identifiable information (PII). If it is lost or stolen that information will be at risk. Your identity will too.

- Always use a password, passcode or PIN to protect your device.
- Install only apps from a trusted source.
- Review the permissions for apps before you install them.
- Don't discuss or display sensitive information in a public space.

Avoid Taking Risks Online

Use extreme caution on unsecured public WiFi and unprotected networks. Getting a password to log on doesn't guarantee your privacy.

- Avoid using public WiFi for business or activities that require a login, like banking or checking your email – use your carrier's network.
- Be wary of phishing attempts in texts, phone calls and voicemails.

Use Your Web Savvy

Using your web savvy includes staying safe and secure on the Web.

- Use a unique strong password for each online account.
- Stick to trusted merchants who offer secure online shopping.
- Protect your personal information by limiting what you share.
- Adjust the privacy settings on your social networking sites.

Back Up Your Data

Back up your mobile device, just like your computer, or risk losing your data. Just think of all the photos, music, contacts, messages and notes you could lose if your device is lost, stolen or damaged.

- Investigate the back up software available for your device.
- Choose the software solution that best fits your needs.
- Back up your device data on a regular basis to protect your data.

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