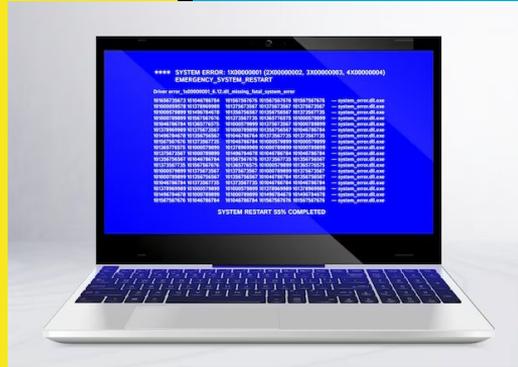


Staying Safe Online



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What we are going to cover:

- Safe Use of Browsers
- Online Safety
- How to check if website is safe
- Password Manager
- Safe Online banking
- Online Scams - Basics



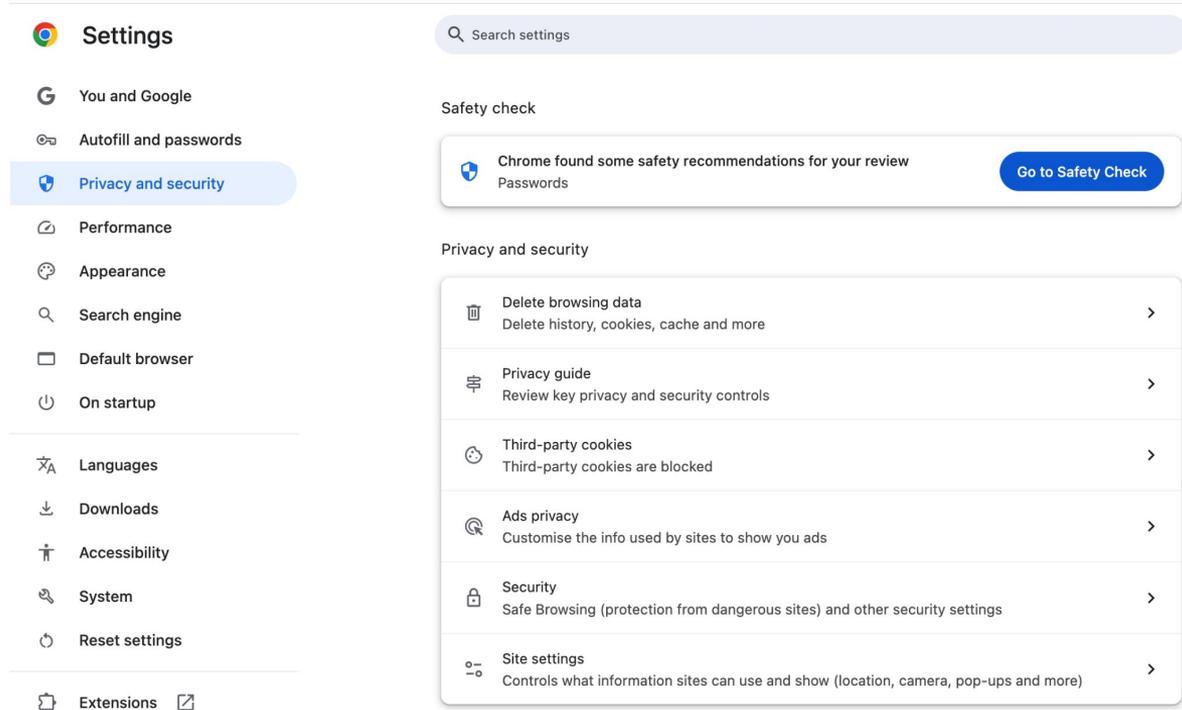
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Safe Use of Browsers:

- The most common internet browsers e.g. Google Chrome, Safari, Microsoft Edge enable you to **manage your settings** such as allowing and blocking selected websites, blocking pop ups and browsing in private. Visit the security and privacy section of their websites.
- Always ensure that you are running the **latest version** of your chosen browser and **install the latest updates**
- Always remember to **log out** of a **secure website** when you have completed your transaction, and before you close the browser.

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Safe Use of Browsers (cont): Example of browser privacy/security settings - Chrome



The image shows the Chrome Settings application on a smartphone. The left sidebar contains various settings categories, with 'Privacy and security' selected and highlighted in blue. The main content area displays a search bar at the top, followed by a 'Safety check' section with a notification that Chrome found some safety recommendations for review, specifically regarding passwords, and a 'Go to Safety Check' button. Below this is the 'Privacy and security' section, which lists several options with right-pointing chevrons: 'Delete browsing data' (Delete history, cookies, cache and more), 'Privacy guide' (Review key privacy and security controls), 'Third-party cookies' (Third-party cookies are blocked), 'Ads privacy' (Customise the info used by sites to show you ads), 'Security' (Safe Browsing (protection from dangerous sites) and other security settings), and 'Site settings' (Controls what information sites can use and show (location, camera, pop-ups and more)).

Settings

- You and Google
- Autofill and passwords
- Privacy and security**
- Performance
- Appearance
- Search engine
- Default browser
- On startup

Search settings

Safety check

Chrome found some safety recommendations for your review
Passwords [Go to Safety Check](#)

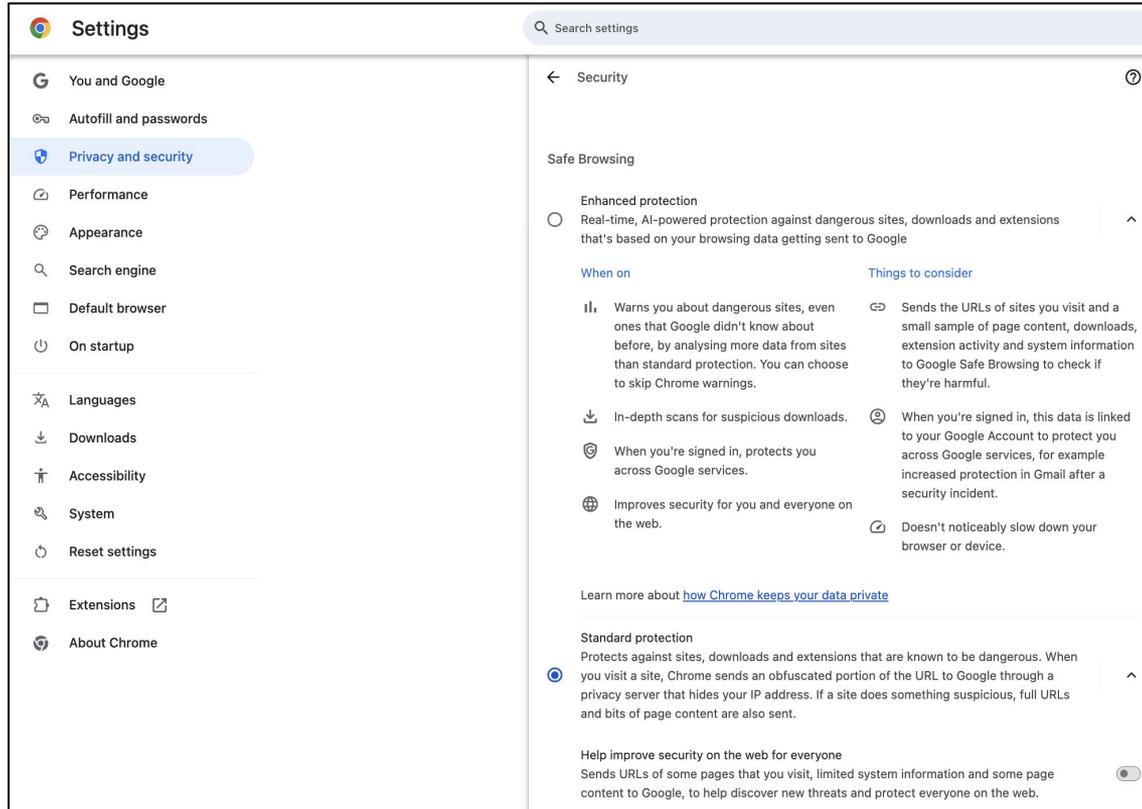
Privacy and security

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- Security
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- Site settings
Controls what information sites can use and show (location, camera, pop-ups and more)

Extensions

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Safe Use of Browsers (cont): Example of browser privacy/security settings - Chrome



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Online safety: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/resources/videos/>

When browsing or shopping online it is **very important** to shop and browse safely!

- **Avoid** clicking on **links in emails or messages**. Criminals can use these links to capture your information. **Always visit an organisation's website directly** from your browser.
- **Be aware** of the risks of browsing online such as **malware & scams** particularly in public spaces
- **Always** use **secure internet connections** and try and **avoid free wifi hotspots**
- **Use strong** and **unique passwords** to prevent unauthorised access to your data and accounts
- **Only use secure websites** (they will have a padlock icon & 'https://' in the website address) and only make purchases from reputable sites
- **Never** use **fake websites** or ones that look suspicious e.g. have **misspelling in the website address**

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Online safety (cont):

- **Turn on 2-step verification** to add an extra layer of security (in addition to password) to any accounts that have your personal or financial information *e.g. code sent via SMS or fingerprint*
- **Don't use public Wi-Fi** to access accounts that have your personal or financial information. *e.g. bank accounts*
- If your web browser flags that a website is '**not secure**' do not visit or use
- **Be aware** of what personal information you share on social media, online forums etc..
- **Use security software** (usually built into your smartphone *e.g. iPhone & Samsung* - go to 'Settings' app) and keep Software up to date.
- **For added protection** there are **reputable third party apps** that you can **install** on your smartphone *e.g. Norton 360, Bitdefender Mobile Security*

Useful sources for staying safe online!:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/top-tips-for-staying-secure-online>

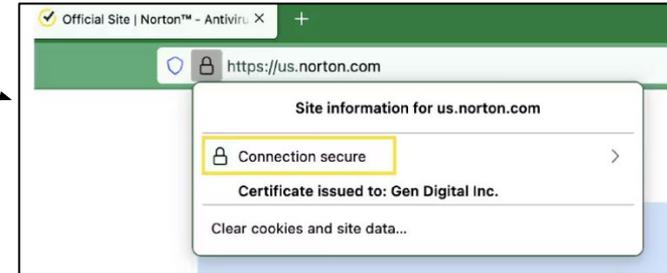
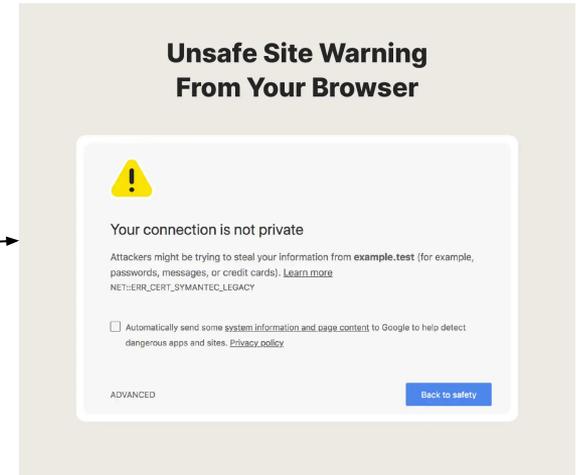
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How to Check if a Website is Safe

- **Most browsers** will alert you with a **warning** if a website is unsafe.
- If you see one of these warnings, **close the window** or click **“back to safety”** to avoid a potentially unsafe site.
- Look to see if there is a **SSL Certificate**. This is a digital certificate that certifies a website is legitimate and encrypts personal information.

<https://us.norton.com/blog/how-to/check-if-a-website-is-safe>



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Password Manager

Having **separate passwords** for your online accounts **is important** and provides even **more security**. But with so many online accounts, creating and remembering them is very hard!! Using a **password manager** can help!

- These are usually **built into your smartphone or browser** e.g. Google, Safari
- **iPhone** = ' iCloud Keychain'. **Android** = 'Google Password Manager'.
- A password manager automatically **stores passwords safely/securely** for apps and websites meaning you won't need to remember them !
- Your **password** will **automatically appear** when you **log in** to your account
- It will alert you if password has been breached or leaked!
- Provides '2 step verification' to protect your password manager

Do not save passwords on shared devices!!

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Password Manager (cont)

If you prefer to manage passwords by writing them down then it is **important to:**

- Keep written passwords in journal or book in a safe place!
- Make sure passwords are **not predictable or guessable**. And use a **strong and separate** password for your **email account**.
- Make sure you are **not breaking the terms and conditions of the service** you are creating a password for ! *e.g. some online banking services do not allow passwords to be written down!*
- **Be careful who you share your passwords with and whether they really need access to them!**

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Safe Online (Mobile) Banking:

- **Only download** banking apps from your smartphone's **official app store** as they are vetted.
- **Always** use your banks official website & look for '**https**' at the beginning of the address and the padlock symbol.
- **Use the security features** offered by your bank or built into your phone. E.g. biometrics such as fingerprint or 2 factor authentication
- **Never share** personal banking information i.e Pin or Online Password (***Remember: your bank will never ask for these in full***)
- **Always log out** of your **banking app or mobile website** when you have finished using it. (***Note: Closing the app or web page or turning off your device may not be sufficient.***)

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Online Scams (basics):

Online scams are fraudulent schemes conducted through the internet, often using emails, texts, or fake websites. Common online scams include:

- **Phishing** - uses fake links and urgent messages to steal your login details
- **Romance scams** - where a fraudster creates a fake online persona to manipulate someone into sending money
- **Fake government websites:** Scammers create copycat websites that look like official government sites, charging you for services you can get for free or cheaper directly from the government
- **Unexpected money/lottery scams:** You're told you've won a prize, lottery, or inheritance but must pay an upfront fee, tax, or other cost to claim it.

Beware of emails, texts or phone calls claiming to be from your **bank** or the **police** claiming there is a **problem with your account** and requesting your login or other confidential details

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Here are some useful videos:

Shopping online: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/resources/videos/>

Phishing scam: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/resources/videos/>

Online banking scam: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/resources/videos/>

Thank you

Any Questions?