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Information Security Tips

Information Security is everyone's responsibility.
It will help protect yourself and the University.



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Stay alert

Security threats will try and catch you off guard. Think before you click!



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Keep software up to date

Turn on automatic updates and keep your devices up to date.



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Use anti-virus protection

Your device may have other security options as well – use them!



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Use strong and unique passwords

Don't use the same password everywhere. Make them as long as possible.
Use three or four random words or a password manager can help. See our tips.



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Backup your data

University data should be stored on backed up University services.
Ensure that your personal data is also backed up safely and securely.



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Use mobile devices safely

Make sure they are encrypted. Always lock them and be aware of who is around when you unlock them. Never leave them unattended in public.



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Enable MFA anywhere you can

Combined with a strong password it will make any service more secure.



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Look out for phishing

Be careful of opening attachments and clicking links in emails or messages.
Always take care with QR codes – look for stickers and fakes.



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Make sure data is sent securely

Use the University VPN on public WiFi and to make any network more secure. Encrypt data being shared and be careful who it is sent to.



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Stay informed

For additional information and advice visit: infosec.ed.ac.uk



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