Safe Web Browsing

Are you adequately protected when using the web?

Tips

It is crucial to know how to safely surf and use the Internet. Below are a few key tips:

1. Only submit personal information online if the site is HTTPS and has no warning indicators. Most sites either display HTTP or HTTPS in their URLs. Never submit personal data unless you see "HTTPS." Even HTTPS can be unsafe. Watch for warning signs, such as your web browser indicating that the page is dangerous. Avoid accessing pages with warning signs.

2. Use web filtering software on your computer. There are plenty of reputable, and sometimes free, web filtering products available to consumers. Ensuring that your home internet and computer have some form of protection from malicious websites can be both affordable and can save you from significant damages by scammers later on.

3. Only download files from reputable sites. Sometimes you will come across websites loaded with ads and other distractions outside of what you are trying to access. If your gut feeling tells you that the website is a bit "noisy," consider this a red flag and refrain from downloading any files from it.

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