

Staying Safe

Online

To stay safe online means taking precautions to protect your personal information and privacy while using the internet. It involves things like using strong passwords, being cautious about sharing personal information, and being aware of potential online threats

What to look out for

The exclamation mark online can sometimes be used to indicate a potential threat or warning. For example, it might be used to highlight a suspicious email or website. It's important to be cautious and investigate further when you see such alerts.

The padlock online indicates that a website has a secure connection, protecting your information



HTTPS

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure

The main difference between the two is that the HTTPS uses an extra layer of security called SSL/TLS to encrypt the data transmitted between your browser and the website, making it more secure than HTTP. These can be found at the start of a website's link at the top of the screen for instance

How to create a strong password 101

- Don't use personal information such as date of birth, your name or street address. This information is easily guessed.
- Don't put numbers in a sequenced order e.g. 1234, 2468
- Think of something that is personal to you for instance your favourite book and anagram e.g. the catcher in the rye would be TCITR.
- Be sure it is obscure but memorable to you.

Most importantly never share your personal information.

