



# Staying Safe Online

Some helpful tips

Whether at the library, at home or out and about, follow these tips to make sure you stay safe online.

**Use strong passwords** including a combination of numbers, upper and lower case letters and symbols if possible.

**Familiarise yourself with the privacy settings** of social networking sites that you use.

**Keep your mobile device with you at all times** and locked with a PIN.

**Only make online purchases from companies with secure payment pages.** Look for 'https' or an image of a padlock in the address bar.

**Take extra care of your USB/flash drives** particularly if yours has personal information (such as a resume) saved to it.

**Do not share your passwords or PINs with anyone.**

**Only use a trusted, encrypted network** if using WiFi for shopping, banking or sending personal information.

## Useful Links

**Stay Smart Online**

[www.staysmartonline.gov.au](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au)

**Scamwatch**

[www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

**ThinkUKnow**

[www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

**Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner**

[www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

**Kids Helpline**

[kidshelpline.com.au/kids/tips/staying-safe-online](http://kidshelpline.com.au/kids/tips/staying-safe-online)