



You wouldn't do this on the street.  
So why do it on the web?



[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

Expert advice for everyone

# Get Safe Online

If you have ever used the Internet you will know that it is a fantastic resource for discovering information on any topic, as well as allowing you to bank, shop and communicate with other people. Sadly, you may also have suffered a virus attack, received unwanted emails or been the victim of online fraud. Increasingly the Internet is being targeted by criminals and what used to be a minor irritation is becoming a major problem. The time has come to put a stop to it.





## Did you know?

- Around **2,000** new viruses are released each month, of which 3 out of 4 may spread via email\*
- Only **25%** of Internet users check that online forms are secure before submitting their personal information\*\*
- Only **43%** of broadband users have a firewall installed\*\*



# Expert advice for everyone

Get Safe Online is an exciting joint initiative between HM Government and the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) and leading businesses, with the aim of helping individuals secure themselves against Internet threats.

## Take control before someone else does

The Get Safe Online site ([www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)) contains over 100 articles, providing simple, reliable and practical security advice on a range of topics including: how to install anti-virus software, make backups, protect your privacy, how to shop, bank and use online auctions safely.



Get Safe Online

Text only

[Home](#) | [Help](#) | [Glossary](#) | [Sponsors](#)

Expert advice for everyone

Get Safe Online will help you protect yourself against internet threats. The site is sponsored by government and leading businesses working together to provide a free, public service.



**1 Protect your PC**  
Block viruses, hackers and other threats

- Stop viruses
- Block hackers
- Avoid spam email
- Backup data
- Keep strangers out

[Protect your PC](#)

[Create a personal security checklist](#)

**2 Protect yourself**  
Protect your family, money and privacy

- Advice for parents
- Protect your privacy
- Buy and sell safely
- Avoid scams
- Safe online banking

[Protect yourself](#)

[Take a five-minute risk assessment quiz](#)

**3 Protect your business**  
Extra advice for small businesses

- Employee training
- Data Protection Act
- Write a plan
- Find help and support
- Control access to data

[Protect your business](#)

[Create your own business security checklist](#)

Search the site

Search

Help! I've got a problem!



10-minute guide for beginners



Young people, parents and teachers



Receive email updates



Brought to you by:



The articles have been written for everyone, not just personal computer (PC) experts, and because the site has nothing to sell, the advice is objective and balanced.

By taking a few minutes and following the three simple steps below you can help protect yourself and others by getting safe online today.



## Protect your PC

Install up-to-date protective software. The website contains links to some free versions to help you protect your PC



## Protect yourself

The website contains independent, easy-to-understand information to increase your understanding of potential threats before they happen



## Keep monitoring to stay alert

Keep your software and operating system updated, scan regularly for viruses and spyware and watch out for new threats

Go to [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)



Expert advice for everyone

Brought to you by:



Go to [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

Expert advice for everyone