TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR DATA SAFE

KEEP YOUR DEVICES SECURE AND UP-TO-DATE

- Keep all of your devices up to date:
  - Setup automatic updating for applications
  - When prompted to update apps or your operating system, do so promptly
- Make sure you have up-to-date anti-virus and anti-malware software installed

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU INSTALL!

- Only install software from reputable sources
- Remove software and applications you are not using

USE CAUTION WITH EMAIL & TEXTS

Avoid clicking links, opening attachments, or even opening emails from people you don't trust

You should always report suspicious activity. For more information visit goto.ucr.edu/PhishAlarmVideo
KEEP YOUR PASSWORDS SAFE AND UPDATED

- Don’t leave your passwords anywhere they can be seen by others
- Make sure you periodically change your passwords. This is especially true after a data breach

ALWAYS USE STRONG PASSWORDS

CHARACTERISTICS OF A STRONG PASSWORD

- UPPERCASE LETTERS
- lowercase letters
- Numb3rs
- $pecial Ch@racter$
- At least 12 characters long
- Not based on personal information
- Unique for each account you have
- Not a recycled password

TIP

Consider using a password manager if you have trouble keeping track of passwords!
Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

Whether you are connecting to the internet through a public shared network or a private network, using Virtual Private Networking or VPN is the best method to keep your data as secure as possible.

Multi Factor Authentication

MFA (or two step authentication) is available for many platforms you probably already use.

MFA is also a requirement to access secure UCR systems

To find out more information about MFA and VPN services provided by ITS, visit our Knowledge Base (KB) at ithelp.ucr.edu and search for either 'MFA' or 'VPN'

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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Information for students: its.ucr.edu/students
Training resources: its.ucr.edu/training
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