

Antivirus and software updates



Keep your devices secure and protect your personal information

Cybercriminals actively scan the internet for devices that are running vulnerable software versions. They may attempt to exploit these vulnerabilities, making it important to ensure all your devices are automatically updated where possible.



What should you do?

Antivirus:



Ensure your devices are running antivirus where possible.



Keep antivirus updated to detect new threats.

Software updates:



Enable automatic updates where available.



Updates should be enabled for all Internet of Things (IoT) devices, not just smartphones and PCs.

You may already have antivirus on your current device, as most recent Windows and Apple computers have it included for free. Similarly, Android and Apple smartphones come with antivirus software. Reputable third-party antivirus software can offer more features than what's included in your free, built-in antivirus.



For more information on anti-virus, visit:

<https://www.cyber.gov.au/protect-yourself/securing-your-devices/how-secure-your-device/antivirus-software>



For more information on software updates, visit:

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