

Spring clean your connected devices



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Like regular cleaning of our homes, where we sanitise, dispose of unwanted items and fix things that are broken, it's important to spring clean our devices that are connected to the internet.

This will help to maintain protection from the issues increasingly encountered online such as fraud, identity theft, compromised confidential information and even physical spying (via webcam).

Keeping your device 'clean' is straightforward, especially with the help of free, impartial advice provided by Get Safe Online.

Top tips for spring cleaning your connected device

- Ensure all your computers and mobile devices are protected by reputable internet security software or apps and that they are current and set up correctly.
- Check that the latest versions of operating systems, software and apps are loaded and configured correctly.
- Choose, use and change passwords according to Get Safe Online recommendations.
- Don't store passwords or other confidential information or images on any device unless they are properly encrypted.
- Check that any content filters, parental control software or email filters you use are switched on and your preferences updated.
- Protect computers with passwords, different for different user accounts.
- Ensure that all mobile devices are protected with PINs or passwords and change these regularly.

For more information on spring cleaning your connected device, please visit

www.getsafeonline.org and enter 'Spring Cleaning' in the search box

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