

# 6 Simple Cyber Security Tips For Church Volunteers

Cyber security can seem an overwhelmingly complex area, with threats continually evolving and becoming ever-more sophisticated. We know this can make it tough to know where to get started. To help, we've highlighted some quick and easy actions that church volunteers can take to help protect their data and devices from a range of cyber security threats.

## 1 Use a strong password

Use a unique, unpredictable password for each system you use. Try using three random words but include upper and lower case, special characters and numbers.



## 2 Set-up 2-factor authentication

This is where you're sent a text message or email when trying to log-in to a system. This simple extra layer of security will help prevent criminals accessing your data.



## 3 Update your apps & devices

Always install official new software updates as soon as possible. These often include new security fixes which close loopholes that could be exploited by cyber criminals.



## 4 Use antivirus software

Antivirus software can help detect and prevent viruses and malicious software damaging your devices and data. Make sure you switch on any antivirus tools built-in to your devices.



## 5 Don't connect to unknown Wi-Fi hotspots

While a free Wi-Fi connection when you're on the move can be convenient, be careful and make sure you're only connecting to secure networks operated by reputable companies.



## 6 Look out for Phishing emails

Had an email asking you to take an urgent action? Check the email is from who it says it is. Look at the sender email address, is it from the companies actual domain or a public email like a Gmail etc? If the latter, it's probably a scam.



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