

WHY DO I NEED TO STAY UPDATED?

Cybercriminals and malicious software are always looking for ways into your devices. One of the most common ways they do this is through exploiting weaknesses in software, also known as vulnerabilities. Much like a thief attempting to break into a home, cybercriminals will always look for the easiest way in. When your software is not up to date, it's like leaving a window unlocked.

WHAT CAN I DO?

By always updating operating system, software and apps, you're essentially plugging any gaps the cybercriminals might try and get in through. Luckily, software developers are constantly releasing updates for their products, to fix any security concerns and improve functionality.

HOW DO I REMEMBER TO UPDATE?

Cybercriminals never stop looking for vulnerabilities, so you need to continually download the latest version of software to your devices. The easiest way to stay on top, is by turning on or confirming automatic updates where possible.



An automatic update is a 'set and forget' feature that updates your software as soon as it becomes available. This way you can relax knowing you're always using the most secure version. If the automatic update setting is unavailable, you should regularly check for and install new updates through your software or device's settings menu.

WHAT TO DO IF THINGS GO WRONG

If you've been the victim of a cybercrime:

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