



# Protect yourself online

Protect yourself from fraud

The everyday use of mobile telephones, tablets and personal computers is now common place in most people's lives. We use these devices to verbally and visually communicate, for business, for financial transactions and as multipurpose storage devices which we are now even more reliant upon.

These devices hold key information that can be targeted in several ways including: scam emails, false representation of a service provider, inadequate software protection or password security.

These are just some methods used by criminals to obtain your personal details and those of your family which can lead to the theft of your identity. Here are some simple steps we can all take to help protect ourselves against this type of crime.

## Protect your password

- **DON'T** use the same password for all your devices or access systems.
- **DON'T** use names or words easily linked to you (eg: family, pet or school names) in your password.
- **CHANGE** your password regularly.
- **DON'T** GIVE YOUR PASSWORD TO ANYONE.

## Protect your computer or mobile device

- **INSTALL** reliable anti-virus protection for all your computers and mobile devices.
- **UPDATE** your anti-virus protection regularly.
- **DISABLE** unwanted applications – if you don't use it, lose it.

## Protect your identification online

- **DON'T** let anybody else access your personal information or your devices.
- **DON'T** give anyone remote access to your devices.
- **DON'T** access emails senders you don't know.
- **DON'T** share your personal or financial information online such as driver's licence details, date of birth, etc.

If you believe you have been a victim to a cyber related offence – report it immediately on [www.acorn.gov.au](http://www.acorn.gov.au)

For more crime prevention information visit us on [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)



Justice



**Triple Zero (000)**  
For emergencies or life threatening situations.



**Police Assistance Line (131 444)**  
For non emergencies.



**Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)**  
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.