

Back-to-school cybersecurity checklist

1. Update every device



Install the latest updates on your devices, browsers, and apps.

5. Review social media privacy



Check what your posts, photos, and profile reveal.

2. Strengthen your accounts



Use unique passwords and turn on multi-factor authentication.

6. Prepare for device loss



Enable device tracking, screen locks, and encryption.

3. Secure shared Wi-Fi



Use a VPN on campus, dorm, library, and café networks.

7. Back up your coursework



Save files automatically in more than one location.

4. Watch for scams



Verify unexpected messages, calls, payment requests, and offers.

8. Use background protection



Combine a VPN, next-gen antivirus, and password manager.



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