

# ONLINE SAFETY, PRIVACY & SECURITY



Women's Information  
**DIGITAL STORAGE**

KEEPING YOU AND  
YOUR PRIVATE  
INFORMATION  
ACCESSIBLE AND SAFE!





# USE A SAFE COMPUTER



## THREATS TO SAFETY AND PRIVACY OF YOUR INFORMATION ONLINE COME FROM:

- **Hacking** by strangers or by someone you know trying to access your device
- Losing access to your information due to forgotten passwords, no back-up, or lost/stolen device

## STEPS to minimise the risks of hacking:

- If home is not a safe place for you, don't store private information on the home computer
- Use computers at a Public Library, Neighbourhood House or WIRE where all information is wiped daily
- Use the computer of a trusted friend or family member
- Don't leave a computer/device unattended without signing out first





*Tip!*

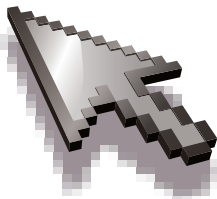
SET UP AN EXTRA EMAIL ADDRESS THAT NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT.

CHOOSE A FREE ONLINE EMAIL THAT YOU CAN ACCESS ON ANY DEVICE.



## 'ERASE YOUR TRACKS'

<https://wire.org.au/browser-history-deletion>



### CLEAR YOUR BROWSER HISTORY

< Go to this website to learn how to erase your browser history.

Always log out securely.

**SIGN OUT** and shut down.





# SET UP STRONG & SAFE PASSWORDS

## **STRONG PASSWORDS:**

- Use at least 10 characters and a mix of letters, numbers, upper and lower case
- Can't be guessed by friends and family
- Don't use the same password for everything
- Don't share your password with others
- If you have left an abusive relationship or have been hacked, change your passwords asap.

*Tip!*

**ADD AN EXTRA LAYER OF SECURITY TO YOUR ACCOUNTS BY USING 2-STEP VERIFICATION** (or two-factor authentication). **SIGN IN WITH YOUR PASSWORD** ("something you know") **PLUS A CODE SENT TO YOUR MOBILE** ("something you have").



BIRTH CERTIFICATE  
LEASE/MORTGAGE  
CENTRELINK VISA PAPERS  
RESUME BANK LOAN  
PASSPORT DRIVER'S LICENCE

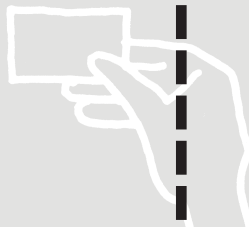
# USE SECURE ONLINE (CLOUD) STORAGE

*Tip!*

**LOOK FOR CLOUD STORAGE WITH:**

- 2-step verification
- Back-up and restore options
- User support

<https://> the 's' stands for secure, so choose websites that have <https://> at the start of their URL address for cloud storage, online banking, shopping.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:**

[www.wire.org.au](http://www.wire.org.au)

call **8326 7100** for free computer classes

[http://whwest.org.au/family-violence/  
resources/using-the-internet-safely/](http://whwest.org.au/family-violence/resources/using-the-internet-safely/)

[www.smartsafe.org.au](http://www.smartsafe.org.au)



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