Top tips for staying safe online

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There are many simple steps you can take to boost your web security and make sure that when you're surfing the web, you don't get caught in a criminal's trap.

1 Always choose a strong password for all of your online activity. It might sound like an obvious point to make but having a secure password is essential for protecting your security and identity.

2 It is vital to keep your antivirus and firewall software updated. You don't have to be an IT expert to do this – every PC has easy ways to install or update antivirus.

3 Keep your personal files safe by securing your WiFi network. Change your wireless password from the default manufacturer's password to something of your choice.

4 Protect your online banking details and never share them.

5 Only ever use secure websites when shopping online. Use brands and websites you trust and if you're entering any login details, look for the lock symbol at the side of the web address – this means the website is properly secure.

6 Be careful what you share on social networking sites.

   Just think, if you wouldn't share personal details with a stranger on the street, don't post them online.

Report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 - in an emergency dial 999