

Keep your computer updated

Keep your computer's software up to date, including your anti spyware and ensure you have installed the University's Sophos Antivirus to keep your computer safe.

Download files legally

Avoid peer-to-peer (P2P) networks and remove any file-sharing clients already installed on your system.

Keep personal information safe

Never respond to emails asking you to disclose any personal information. The University will never email you asking for your personal information.

Lock your computer

When leaving your computer unattended, physically lock it to prevent theft and lock the screen with a password to safeguard data.

Log off public computers

When using a public area computer, be sure to completely log off when you are finished using it.

Back up important data

Make backup copies of your important computer data, store them securely, and consider storing extra copies at another location.

Scan email attachments

Scan all email attachments before you open them since they may contain viruses that could harm your computer.

Create strong passwords

Create strong passwords that combine at least eight characters including letters, numbers, and symbols.

Limit social network information

Protect your social networking presence, such as on Facebook, by limiting the disclosed amount of personal identifying information.

No multiport devices

Don't install multiport network devices (wireless routers, switches, hubs, etc.) in your dorm room.