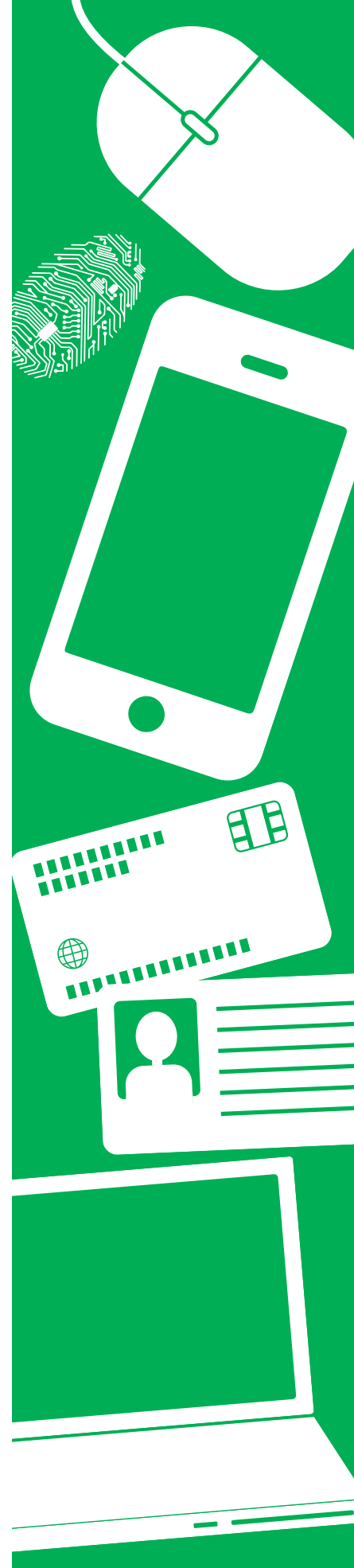


# A GUIDE TO ONLINE SECURITY

## Protect yourself from online fraud

- ➔ Always use a different password for each of your accounts and never use personal information in your password
- ➔ Use a password with at least six characters, using uppercase, lowercase, numbers and symbols
- ➔ Scan your computer for malware using anti-virus and anti-malware software to ensure that hackers haven't installed anything on your machine
- ➔ Download software updates for your devices as soon as they become available to prevent hackers and viruses
- ➔ Always log directly into a website rather than clicking on a link in an email
- ➔ Be suspicious of offers and deals - if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is
- ➔ Never send money or give your bank details to people who you don't personally know or trust, especially if sending money abroad
- ➔ Keep an eye on your bank account in case hackers have gained access to your online banking
- ➔ To report a scam, contact Action Fraud:  
**0300 123 2040** or [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)
- ➔ For up to date information on online safety, visit [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

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