

Handheld devices: The facts

Thought it was just
using your computer
or laptop that exposes
you to online crime?

Think again.



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Smartphone and tablet security. Are you aware of it?

Smartphones and tablets have revolutionised the way we live. Who would have thought just a few years ago, that we could shop, check our bank accounts, email, social network and download movies on a device that fits in the palm of our hand?

Many people, however, don't realise that this convenience is accompanied by the same kind of risks that you take when going online on their home computer or laptop.

In many ways, in fact, the risks are greater because the compact size of today's smartphones and tablets makes them so easy to put down, lose or even worse ... get stolen. It's not just the device itself that's at risk – it's all the information about you too.



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Communicating

So what's the problem?

Using your smartphone or tablet online leaves you just as vulnerable as using our computer or laptop. Vulnerable to:

- Spyware and identity theft
- Fraud and money making scams
- Viruses
- Spam emails
- Fraudulent websites
- Loss of privacy

You could be even more vulnerable on your handheld device because online criminals tend to target the most widespread groups of users in order to do the most damage.

There are some simple ways to protect yourself from danger on your smartphone or tablet. You can read all about them at [Get Safe Online](http://www.getsafeonline.org). It's full of comprehensive information on what to look out for, how to avoid unnecessary risks, and what to do if it does happen to you.

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What is Get Safe Online?

Get Safe Online is the UK's leading source of unbiased, authoritative and easy-to-understand information on protection against fraud, identity theft, viruses and many other problems encountered online – as well as physical computer theft/loss, backups and related topics.

Aimed at consumers and small businesses and jointly funded between the Government and Private Sector, Get Safe Online is the Government's default online security advice channel. A world-leading initiative, Get Safe Online is a not-for-profit organisation.



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