

Use the Internet Securely

Secure Your Web Browser

Today, web browsers are installed on almost all computers. Because web browsers are used so frequently, it is vital to configure them securely. **Often, the web browser that comes with an operating system is not set up in a secure default configuration.** Not securing your web browser can quickly lead to a variety of computer problems, caused by anything from spyware being installed without your knowledge to intruders taking control of your computer.

If you are working in a larger organization, the IT Department may have already set up the browser for you.

Microsoft Internet Explorer

Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) is a web browser integrated into the Microsoft Windows operating system. For up-to-date information on security and privacy settings for Internet Explorer, visit <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/internet-explorer/ie-security-privacy-settings>

Mozilla Firefox

Mozilla Firefox is a popular third-party browser for Windows, Mac, and Linux. To learn how to keep your information safe and secure with Firefox's private browsing, password features and other security settings, visit <https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/products/firefox/privacy-and-security>.

Apple Safari

Apple Safari is installed on its line of computers, tablets, and phones. For information on Safari's security settings on Apple devices, visit <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201265>

For information on Safari installed on computers, visit <http://help.apple.com/safari/mac/8.0/> and select "Privacy and security" on the menu.

Google Chrome

In 2012, Google Chrome became the most widely used browser worldwide, according to Stat Counter and other sources. For more information on Chrome's security, safety and reporting features, visit <https://support.google.com/chrome#topic=3421433> and select the options displayed under the topic.