

Digital Safety Checklist: Protect Your Online Privacy in India

Basic Digital Safety Practices

- Use strong, unique passwords for each account.
- Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) on all important platforms.
- Avoid clicking suspicious links in emails or messages.
- Never share OTPs or passwords with anyone.
- Install and update trusted antivirus software.
- Avoid downloading apps from unofficial sources.
- Use VPN when connected to public Wi-Fi networks.
- Regularly check and restrict app permissions.
- Keep software and apps updated automatically.
- Set social media profiles to private.
- Use child-friendly settings and browsers for kids.
- Monitor children's internet use and educate them on cyberbullying.

Legal Awareness

- Understand your rights under the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023.
- Familiarize yourself with cybercrime laws under the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- Avoid sharing full Aadhaar copies; use masked Aadhaar when possible.

Tips for Senior Citizens and Rural Users

- Use simple devices with fewer apps and features.
- Attend digital safety workshops or online training.
- Be cautious of calls/SMS asking for bank details or OTPs.
- Consult family members if unsure about messages or phone calls.