



# Protect personal and financial information online

*The IRS and Security Summit partners remind people to take these basic steps when shopping online:*



- ***Use security software for computers and mobile phones – and keep it updated.***
- ***Make sure anti-virus software for computers has a feature to stop malware, and that there is a firewall enabled that can prevent intrusions.***
- ***Use strong and unique passwords for all accounts.***
- ***Use multi-factor authentication whenever possible.***
- ***Shop only secure websites by looking for the “https” in web addresses and the padlock icon.***
- ***Avoid shopping on unsecured and public Wi-Fi in places such as coffee shops, malls or restaurants.***