

● PRACTICAL SECURITY

# PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE

Simple Security Steps That Bring  
Peace of Mind—Not Paranoia



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# THE SPACE BETWEEN PARANOIA AND IGNORANCE

Online security advice tends toward extremes.

On one side: alarming headlines about hackers, breaches, identity theft. The message seems to be that we're all one click away from disaster. On the other: the vague sense that security is too technical, too complicated, something for IT professionals to worry about.

Most people land somewhere uncomfortable—vaguely anxious, but not doing much about it.

## A Middle Path

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A few straightforward practices provide the vast majority of real-world protection. You don't need to become a security expert. You don't need to be paranoid. You need to do the basics well.

### THE GOAL

The goal isn't perfect security—that doesn't exist. The goal is reasonable protection that lets you use the internet with confidence instead of low-grade anxiety.



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You don't need to be a tech expert to protect yourself online. This guide cuts through the jargon and gives you the practical steps that actually matter—no paranoia required.

#### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Password management that actually works
- Two-factor authentication made simple
- Recognizing phishing and social engineering
- Privacy settings that reduce tracking