

Online Safety G12

Part 1: Complete the following headings for online security with do or don't

1. ____ use the same password for several sites.
2. ____ leave your phones and tablets unlocked.
3. ____ be careful when using public Wi-Fi.
4. ____ click on a link you had not expected to receive in an email.
5. ____ think before you share information.
6. ____ have more than one email account.
7. ____ keep your credit card details on websites.

Part 2: Match the do and don't headings in Activity 1 with the appropriate paragraph in the text below. Write the correct heading numbers in the boxes

a. It is a good idea to have one for shopping, one for banking and one for social media. An account which is compromised means you may lose everything.

b. Identity theft is a serious crime. Thieves who have access to your personal details can take control of your life and use your identity for their own financial gain.

c. Would you leave your front door open? The same applies to personal devices that hold a lot of personal information. It may be annoying to have to put in your password 20–30 times a day, but think of the alternative.

d. Most public hotspots will not encrypt information, which means that any information leaving your device is susceptible to theft. Any malicious individual who is sitting nearby, with certain software, may have access to your encrypted data.

e. With individuals having so many online accounts, it is tempting to re-use the same password. But remember, a person whose only password has been hacked could lose everything.

f. Popular online stores and airlines often ask if you would like to save your payment details. Although data security breaches where personal financial information can be stolen are rare, it is better to be safe than sorry. Why take the risk?

g. Phishing emails, which attempt to acquire personal information, are becoming more and more effective in targeting victims and persuading them to follow a link. Unless you are 100% certain, don't click!