

# HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

## OUR TOP 11 TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ONLINE:

- 01** Make sure your computer has up-to-date internet security software, and that it is enabled.
- 02** Don't reveal personal information on social networking sites, this also includes being careful who can see your photos.
- 03** Regularly backup the data on your computer and smartphone, backups can help you restore your data should it be lost or damaged.
- 04** Never reveal your password or PIN when asked to do so by email or on the phone.
- 05** Make sure your wireless network is secure at all times, it should require a strong and unique password to connect to it.
- 06** Be careful who you are selling to and buying from on auction sites, ensure they're a trusted seller with a good track record.
- 07** Choose strong passwords, change them regularly and don't tell anybody what they are.
- 08** When shopping, paying or banking online, make sure the website is secure, this is typically indicated by a closed padlock symbol.
- 09** Always download the latest software and operating system updates when prompted, this helps protect you from known vulnerabilities.
- 10** Remember your smartphone is also a target for viruses and spyware, only download and install trusted applications.
- 11** If you are unsure or would like to support in ensuring your social media sites are secure please speak to your tutor.