

# 7 rules for using smart devices

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Only buy wireless electronics from well-known, reputable companies. Cheap prices often come with poor security.

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Reduce your risk: only activate a product with wireless functionality when it's truly useful.

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When installing the device's app on your smartphone or tablet, choose settings with the greatest privacy protection.

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If you receive a notice from the app that a software update is available, install the update right away.

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Accept a manufacturer's option to turn on "two-factor authentication" where you must take a second step such as entering a code you're sent via text or email to access the app.

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Protect your home Wi-Fi network with a long password phrase that is only recognizable by you.

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Change the name of your home Wi-Fi network to something that doesn't identify your house.

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