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## Online Security:

### Microsoft Internet Explorer is Officially Retiring

Living in the digital age, we have the convenience of accessing information with just a simple click or touch of our fingertips. We can track our bank accounts, credit cards and even view, update and purchase some insurance policies online. However, we must remember that these conveniences come with the responsibility to ensure we are doing our part to maintain the highest level of security of our information and accounts.

There are simple habits we can implement to protect our personal information like only accessing accounts on a secure internet connection (this means, not on public wi-fi at a coffeeshop!). Another thing you should do is ensure that your software is current with all updates to ensure that any changes in security measures are implemented on your device.



Microsoft Internet Explorer  
Official Retirement Date:  
June 15, 2022

**Microsoft has announced that its original browser, Internet Explorer, will be officially retired on June 15, 2022.**

- Microsoft will no longer update Internet Explorer or provide new security measures for online safety in the future.
- Continuing to use Internet Explorer may put your personal information at risk for online identity theft and may increase your risk of contracting malware/viruses on your device.
- You may be able to still access Internet Explorer on your device after June 15, 2022 but be aware that as you browse internet sites or access personal accounts through Internet Explorer, you **will not have the security** of other modern browsers that are still being updated regularly.

**Microsoft suggests using their latest browser, Microsoft Edge, as a replacement for Internet Explorer.** Microsoft Edge has improved compatibility with website features and better browser security with monthly security updates. Microsoft Edge also includes an “Internet Explorer mode” that allows you to access legacy Internet-Explorer websites and applications through a secure, updated browser.

There are also a number of other internet browsers available for use including, but not limited to, Google Chrome, Safari and Mozilla Firefox.



**Whichever browser you choose to use, ensure that you are installing all updates recommended by the software developer.**

For more information on online safety, explore the following National Cybersecurity Alliance resources:

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**Manage Your Privacy Settings** – A list of links to view or change your privacy and security settings for commonly used websites and apps (web browsers, e-commerce, mobile banking, social networks, email, photo and video sharing, food delivery service, etc.)

**Online Safety Resources + Guides** – A collection of articles and guides offering advice and education on a variety of online safety topics including computer viruses, hacked accounts, spam and phishing attempts and protecting your identity online.



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