



Lock Your Digital Deadbolt

At home, you lock your door for protection.
Online, follow these tips to stay safe!

Protect Your STUFF

from viruses and
hackers

- Install **firewalls**
- Install **virus protection** and **anti-spam** software —keep it up-to-date!
- **Back up** your data often
- **Don't click** on strange links, especially ones from people you don't know
- Use a **protected** wi-fi connection

Protect Your SELF

from people who
want to steal
your identity,
engage in unsafe
activities,
or hurt you

- **Screen names** shouldn't reveal your identity
- **Use strong passwords and don't share them:**
 - More than 8 characters
 - Capital letters and numbers or symbols
- **Don't post pictures** that reveal where you live or work, or show you doing something illegal
- **Never post online:**
 - Your address, phone number, or email
 - Drivers license or SSN
 - Birthdate or birth place
 - School name or student ID
 - Bank or credit card information
 - Your exact location at any given time