



CYBER SAFETY PLAYBOOK

How to Stay Safe Online in 2026

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Why Cyber Safety Is Not Optional Anymore

Every day people lose money, privacy, and reputation because of:

- Fake job scams
- Instagram impersonation
- WhatsApp OTP fraud
- Deepfake video calls
- UPI & QR scams
- Malicious mobile apps

Most cybercrime cases happen because people don't follow basic online hygiene.

This playbook gives you a clear, practical roadmap to protect yourself.

PART 1 – Your Digital Identity Is Your New Passport

What hackers usually target:

Data Type	Why It's Valuable
Phone number	<i>Used for OTP fraud</i>
Email	<i>Account takeovers</i>
Aadhaar / PAN	<i>Fake KYC & loans</i>
Social media	<i>Impersonation scams</i>
Location	<i>Physical threats</i>



PART 2 — How to Talk Safely on Online Platforms

✗ Never Say or Share:

- OTP codes
- Aadhaar / PAN images
- Address screenshots
- Live location
- Payment screenshots

✓ Always Do:

- Use two-factor authentication
- Use different passwords for email, banking, social media
- Lock WhatsApp, Instagram, Gmail with fingerprint / Face ID

PART 3 — How Scammers Manipulate You

Scam Type	Trick Used
Fake HR jobs	<i>"Urgent hiring" pressure</i>
Deepfake calls	Voice cloning of boss
Fake UPI refunds	<i>QR code scams</i>
Investment frauds	<i>Greed psychology</i>
Instagram hacks	<i>"Verify your account" messages</i>



PART 4 – Daily Cyber Safety Rules

DOs

- ✓ Check email sender address
- ✓ Install apps only from Play Store / App Store
- ✓ Verify payment links
- ✓ Keep OS updated
- ✓ Enable bank transaction alerts

DON'Ts

- ✗ Click unknown links
- ✗ Trust unknown DMs
- ✗ Share ID proofs casually
- ✗ Scan random QR codes
- ✗ Download cracked software

PART 5 – Safe Usage on Social Apps

Platform	Safe Practice
WhatsApp	<i>Turn on 2FA, block unknowns</i>
Instagram	<i>Private account + remove fake followers</i>
Telegram	<i>Disable auto-download</i>
Gmail	<i>Security alerts ON</i>
Facebook	<i>Hide friend list</i>

PART 6 – Tools That Help You Stay Safe

- Google Password Manager
- Microsoft Authenticator
- Bitwarden
- HaveIBeenPwned.com

You can also explore more security, AI & digital safety tools through platforms like [Techyuni.com](https://techyuni.com) or its [Chrome extension](#) – which gives access to a huge library of trending free & paid tools in one click.



PART 7 — 7-Day Cyber Safety Challenge

Day	Action
Day 1	<i>Change all passwords</i>
Day 2	<i>Enable 2FA</i>
Day 3	<i>Clean social media</i>
Day 4	<i>Install authenticator</i>
Day 5	<i>Update OS & apps</i>
Day 6	<i>Review bank settings</i>
Day 7	<i>Educate one family member</i>

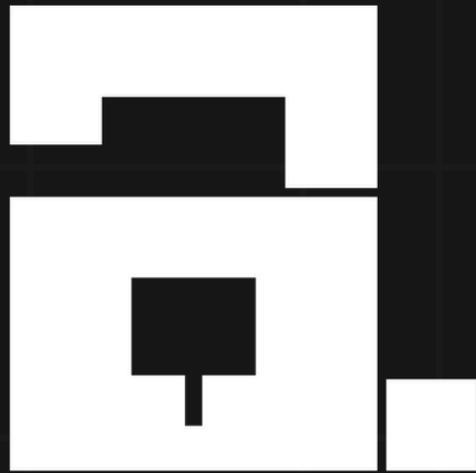
PART 8 — What To Do If You Become a Victim

- Call 1930 Cybercrime Helpline
- Visit cybercrime.gov.in
- Freeze bank account immediately
- Take screenshots
- Inform your bank branch

Final Message

You commented “I am cyber safe” because you care about protecting yourself and your family. Follow this roadmap seriously, keep learning, and stay updated. For more cyber awareness, AI tools & safety guides — follow [@ankurdecodes](https://twitter.com/ankurdecodes).

Stay alert. Stay protected. Your digital life matters. 



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