

Today, having a phone as a means of communication is as normal as breathing but having a phone that surpasses just the normal calling, texting and perhaps the normal use of internet is something to be considered as great or 'cool' because what we now call a smartphone is a device to behold. How else can you explain an android phone that sends text messages, can receive and make a call, has a camera, can be a workstation when connected to the internet, one can listen to music and record or download it, watch videos, chat with friends or clients while using other applications on the same phone.

Imagine losing your android phone that has all that because losing it is like losing your identity with contacts, text messages, photos, videos, reminders and so much more information saved up in the phone. But the good news is that there are some steps you can take to secure your smartphone, whether from ill intended people like thieves or cyber criminals.

Use the simplest of all, PIN (personal identification number)

Now, this has got to be the simplest and most common of all as every phone has a system where you can set up a pin and you're the only one who should know the PIN combinations to your phone. Always ensure your phone has a PIN that you have memorized. Even accessibility to your emails, company documents including internet access should be safely secured by a strong password or PIN.

Use tracking systems

Most phone manufacturers are producing smartphones with tracking systems in place. You can also download an application to that effect if your phone doesn't come with it. Some systems are quite sufficient and are able to wipe out your information remotely if the phone gets stolen so that your information won't be accessed or tampered with. The android phone for instance sends alert messages when sim cards are exchanged. You can also track it online using GPRS or cell towers and even view images caught by its spy camera.

Be alert!

Be ware of software, sites or programs that cannot be genuinely traced which can get to your credit card and private information that you probably don't want anybody to access. Cross check hyperlinks and their landing pages to ensure nothing is left to chance.

Update your phone

Just like computer or any other device updates, your smartphone should regularly get updated and not just for promotions or a catch somewhere but for security.

Choose the right software

Many offers on softwares are coming up but its best to choose softwares from a credited company and one that is mostly recommended everywhere, because software can be maliciously used to extract or damage your smartphone. Installing a strong antivirus on your android phone to guard against damaging soft wares and viruses is highly recommended.

Phone covers/bags

Many of you might think its silly or old fashioned but when your phone drops and hits a hard surface or goes into some place holding water you wont like it at all. So use a phone cover especially when moving around because it helps prevent the phone from breaking when it hits a hard surface or from immediate damage when it comes into contact with water. There are trendy smartphone covers and bags available everywhere so get one!

The old saying goes; you never know what you got till it's gone but don't let that be you when your phone is no more. Plus, safeguarding your phone and even other devices you have is better than having to repair them or worse having to replace them because they were stolen. Choose the right applications, softwares and programs for your android phone and keep in mind that your smartphone is as important to you as that car you drive or the house you live in because it holds much of your important information and even future decisions.

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