

TIP #1:

# CHECK YOUR DEVICES

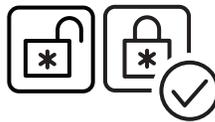
Before making any online purchases, make sure the device you're using to shop online is up-to-date. Next, take a look at your accounts and ask, do they each have strong passwords? And even better, if multifactor authentication is available, are you using it?



**Protect your devices** by keeping the **software up-to-date**. These include items like mobile phones, computers, and tablets, **but also appliances, electronics, and children's toys**.



Once you've purchased an internet connected device, **change the default password** and **use different strong passwords** for each one. Consider using a password manager to help.



**Check the devices' privacy and security settings to make sure you understand how your information will be used and stored.** Also make sure you're not sharing more information than you want or need to provide.



**Enable automatic software updates** where applicable, as running the latest version of software helps ensure the manufacturers are still supporting it and providing the latest patches for vulnerabilities.

