



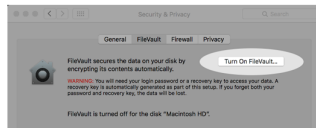
HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY ON MAC

Follow these easy steps to protect the personal data on your device running macOS or Mac OS X.

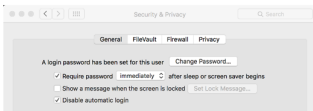
1 Easily encrypt your Mac with the built-in FileVault.

Turn FileVault on to make your files are unreadable if someone else gets hold of your computer while powered off or locked.

How: System Preferences > Security & Privacy > FileVault



2 Set a password for your account and disable automatic login.



Remember to require your password after your Mac sleeps and of course, use a strong, lengthy password. Note that Disable automatic login has been removed from macOS Sierra.

How: System Preferences > Security & Privacy > General

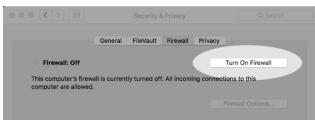
3 Update macOS regularly.

Don't ignore those installation prompts! Remember you can check for updates at any time.

How: Apple icon > About This Mac > Software Update



4 Make sure the firewall is turned on.



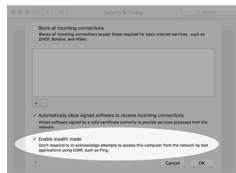
Enabling the built-in firewall will block incoming connections. You can also choose to allow only signed software to accept incoming connections under Firewall Options.

How: System Preferences > Security & Privacy > Firewall

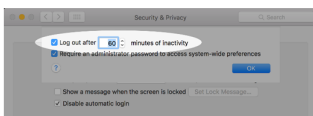
5 Enable stealth mode.

Being in stealth mode means your Mac will not respond to connection attempts from the network.

How: System Preferences > Security & Privacy > Firewall > Firewall Options



6 Set the computer to log out after a period of inactivity.



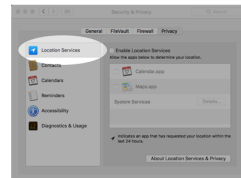
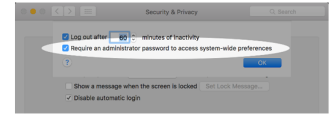
The default for automatic logout is 60 minutes but shorter is better.

How: System Preferences > Security & Privacy > General > Advanced

7 Require an admin password for system-wide changes.

This helps protect against malware doing widespread damage.

How: System Preferences > Security & Privacy > General > Advanced



8 Control which apps are accessing your location.

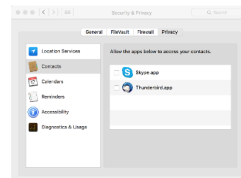
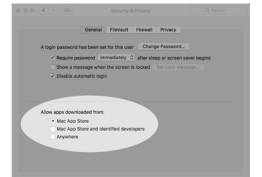
Verify what's using your location data and disable any location services you don't need.

How: System Preferences > Security & Privacy > Privacy > Location Services

9 Restrict which types of apps are allowed to run on your Mac.

For more protection, grant permission only to the Mac App Store.

How: System Preferences > Security & Privacy > General



10 Review which apps have access to sensitive data.

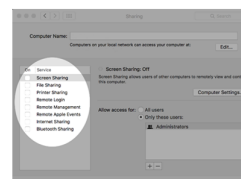
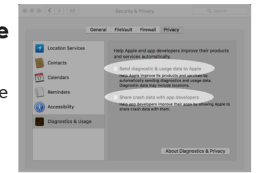
In particular, protect personal data such as your contacts and calendar info.

How: System Preferences > Security & Privacy > Privacy

11 Stop sending diagnostics and usage data.

This data can include information such as the apps you use and your location.

How: System Preferences > Privacy > Diagnostics & Usage



12 Check which sharing services are enabled.

Disable things like screen sharing, file sharing, printer sharing, remote login, etc. unless you're sure you need them.

How: System Preferences > Sharing



Congratulations! You've just taken a big step to increasing privacy and protecting the data on your Mac.

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