Top tips to protect your phone and personal data

These tips are designed to be implemented on your devices as soon as possible in the hope of minimising the impact in the event of it becoming lost or stolen.

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1. Enable 'Find my Phone' or similar apps that provide tracking to help you locate a device or remotely wipe all data:

2. Control what actions can be done via your locked screen and hide notification content, such as messages:

3. Back up your phone or other devices you have regularly to ensure precious data is safe:

4. Set up fingerprint and/or facial recognition on your phone or at least have a secure passcode set to protect your data:

5. Set up a hidden folder to hide your sensitive banking apps to make it harder for criminals to find what they are after:

6. Apple Devices (iPhone and iPad etc). Set a **'Screentime PIN'** to stop criminals from changing your iCloud passwords or Face ID:

7. Turn on 'Stolen Protection' or 'Theft Protection' to block a criminal:

8. Refer to 'Cyber Aware' advice and further steps below: