

Student Security Guide



Unprotected, your computer is a gateway to thieves and hackers, who will steal your personal information.

What you can do to protect your stuff:

Theft of your computer and smartphone

Do not leave your stuff unattended, even when studying in the library. A short snack break away from your computer is an invitation to thieves. Dartmouth is an open campus, with the public free to move about the library and other public spaces. Keep your laptop and smartphone with you when you are in a publicly accessible area.

Passwords

Choose a phrase that is easy for you to remember, has no meaning to others, and follows the conventions found at www.dartmouth.edu/comp/systems/accounts/passwords/rules.html. Remember to use passcodes on mobile devices like phones and iPads.

Web use

Be wary of public computers in airport kiosks, libraries, etc. Viruses and key loggers can steal your information. On the Web, look for a lock icon showing a secure connection. If you receive a certificate warning, consider abandoning the connection. Think before you click: phishing attacks are designed to trick you into providing personal information.

Install anti-Malware software on Windows and Macs

In recent months, Computing Services has seen an increase in Malware infection on student computers. Make sure you install anti-Malware software on Windows and Macs.
www.dartmouth.edu/comp/soft-comp/software/downloads/mac/symantec.html (Mac)
www.dartmouth.edu/comp/soft-comp/software/downloads/windows/sav.html (Windows)

Back up your work: Computers fail—but you don't have to!

Make sure all of your important course work is stored on "DartFiles." Don't find yourself with a dead computer and irretrievable class assignments.

How we can help:

The Help Desk can assist you with the following services:

- **Setting up DartFiles for your important information**
- **Email security**
- **iPad and iPhone security**
- **Screen-saver timeout settings**
- **Destroying or sanitizing confidential media**

Additional Support

Computing Services

For technical questions and support, email us at help@dartmouth.edu.

For all other questions about online security, contact

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