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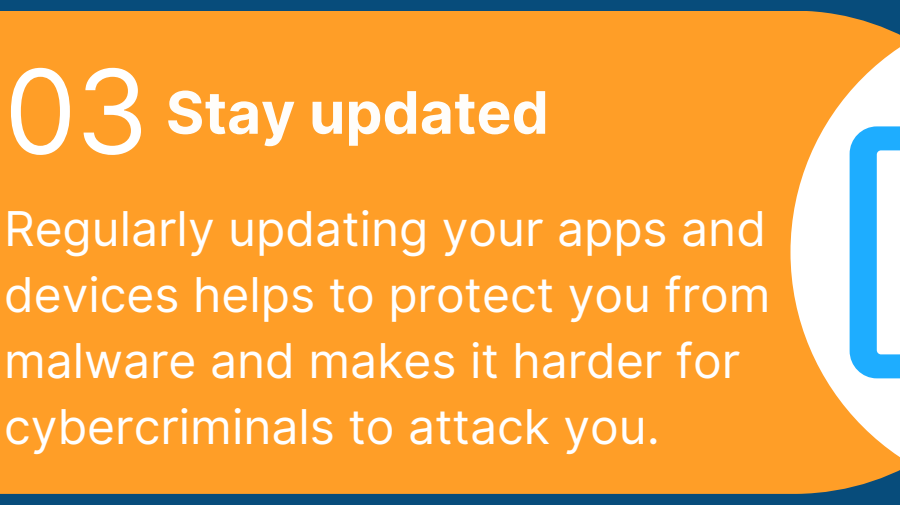# 6 steps to prevent Ransomware attacks

01 Back up your data

Always back up your data, as restoring your files from a backup is the quickest way to regain access to your data.

02 Think before you click

Avoid clicking on links in spam messages or on unknown websites. Click malicious links can lead to infection.
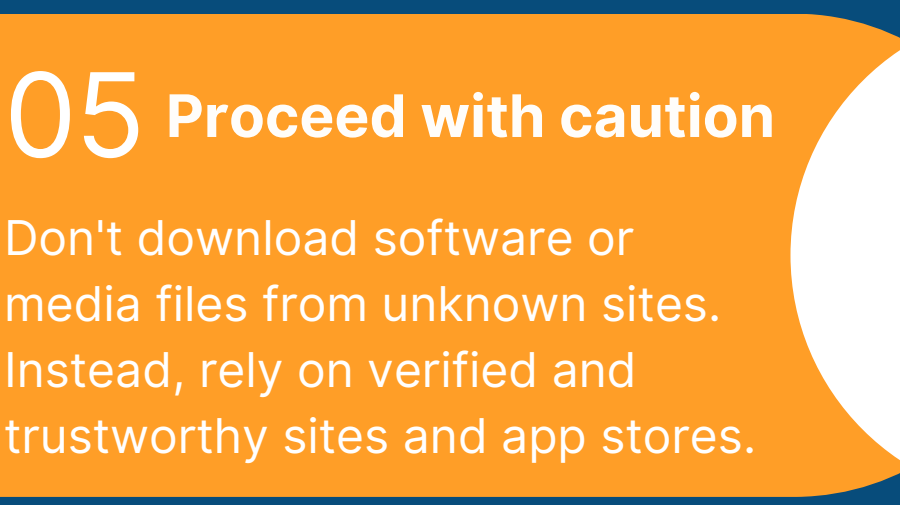
03 Stay updated

Regularly updating your apps and devices helps to protect you from malware and makes it harder for cybercriminals to attack you.
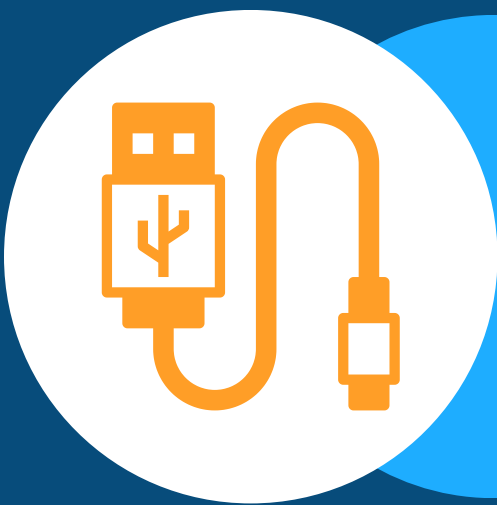
04 Use a VPN in public

With public Wi-Fi, your computer is more vulnerable to attacks. You can stay protected by using a secure VPN when on the go.

05 Proceed with caution

Don't download software or media files from unknown sites. Instead, rely on verified and trustworthy sites and app stores.

06 USB Devices

Don't use unfamiliar USB devices as they may have malware, and using these devices could spread malware.