How To Keep Your iPad Secure

Although iPads are very secure by design, a few best practices can make them even more secure.

1. **Update software**: Perform all software updates in a timely manner, as outdated software could have security vulnerabilities.

2. **Don't jailbreak**: Jailbreaking allows you to download apps from outside the App store, which is not a good thing, as they're not verified as safe. While jailbreaking allows users more control over their iPads, it's not worth the potential security risks of unverified apps.

3. **Turn on Find my iPad**: In case you lose your iPad, make sure that no one else will be able to access it. Plus, this feature will help you find your iPad through GPS.

4. **Secure Apple ID**: Your Apple ID should have a long, complicated and unique password.

5. **Use a Passcode**: Make sure your iPad has a passcode, ideally as many numbers as it allows for.

6. **Turn on authentication**: Turn on Face ID or Touch ID to make sure that, even if someone knows your passcode, they still can't access your iPad.

7. **Secure lock screen**: Have your iPad lock within a few seconds of inactivity; the shorter the time period, the more secure.

8. **Sign into accounts with Apple**: Instead of signing into third party accounts with Facebook or Google, choose Apple if it's available. Why? Because Apple doesn't sell user data, so you won't be tracked as you sign into various accounts.

9. **Turn off location and app data**: If you're not using an app, it shouldn't be gathering any data about you. Even if you are using an app, it may not need all of the data it asks for, such as your location. Limit app permissions as much as possible to retain your privacy and security.

10. **Read privacy policies**: The fine print under "Terms and Conditions" actually matters, so make sure to find out which iPad apps log your data and share it with third parties.

11. The Apple employee you probably talked to was right; iPads do not need antivirus software, unlike Macs, Windows, and Android devices. Unless you jailbreak your phone, all of your apps will come through Apple's official App Store. Apple isolates each app in the app store so that it can't infiltrate or infect other systems, so viruses aren't possible. However, through fake ads, phishing, and attachments, some types of malware can get through.

Our Favorite $$Antivirus Software's to Protect Your iPad

✓ Norton™

Kaspersky

🛡 TOTAL AV