Mobile Privacy and Security

Let’s look at some ways to increase your privacy and security when using a mobile device.
You can set a pin or passcode that must be entered every time you use the device. This will help protect the data that is stored on your device if it is lost or stolen.

To set a pin or passcode, visit the Settings app, then tap Lock Screen and security. Here you can set up a PIN code. On some devices, you may be able to set a fingerprint ID.
Android devices include a feature called “Find my Device” that can be used to view a map showing where your device is currently located. This can be helpful if you’ve left your phone at a friend’s house, or at work.

If the device is stolen or permanently lost, you can use this feature to remotely erase everything on your device.

In order to use this feature on Android devices you’ll need to sign in to the Google Account linked to that phone or tablet. Once you accept the terms of use, it will locate your phone.
Here are some tips for protecting your privacy when using apps on your mobile device:

Only download trusted apps, which can be determined by reading reviews, ratings, and privacy statements.

Adjust your privacy settings to control which apps have permission to access your camera, location, microphone, and personal information.

Adjust your notifications to change how much content will be displayed on the lock screen when receiving incoming messages.
Mobile devices are powerful tools. Remember to use safety precautions while browsing the web and using email and other apps.