

Losing Your Mobile Device

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Mobile devices are essential tools of communication in our networked life. They hold huge amounts of sensitive and vital information such as contact numbers, text messages, voicemail, email, photos, location tracking and calendar events. This information becomes even more important if you lose your mobile device or it is stolen. Your privacy can thus easily be jeopardised, so what precautions you can take to ensure that this doesn't happen?

Securing your mobile while it is still in your hands is certainly a smart move so you can optimise the benefits of a mobile device while reducing the risks that comes with it. Here are some steps you can take in this regard.



» Access Protection Methods

Activate the access protection features as a PIN, pattern lock or password. This guarantees that only the authorised person has access to the information.

» Password

It is similar to the password used to lock your computer or other ordinary devices. Most smartphones have this feature, which if you enable, you can get greater security than a PIN can offer.

» PIN

Use a secret Personal Identification Number (PIN) so that only you can gain access to the device.

» Pattern Lock

Consider using a unique pattern drawn on the screen of the mobile device.