Tech Tips and Tricks

Protecting your data is becoming more and more important; iPad security precautions can help protect confidential data. The 5 simple steps below can help users protect themselves and their data.

Five tips for securing your iPad:

1. **Keep an eye on it.** Simply hang on to it, keep your mobile device under your physical control can alleviate many security concerns.

2. **Use a passcode.** You can configure a passcode for you iPad; **Settings > General**. Once enabled you can require the passcode immediately or a specific amount of time, shorter amount of time is more secure. You can configure your device to erase all data after ten failed passcode attempts (Erase Data).
3. **Restrict capabilities.** Adding additional controls can restrict certain functions on the device. This too is controlled with a passcode. This can allow users to restrict access to Installing or Deleting Apps, allow changes to accounts, etc...

![Restrictions settings on iPad](image1)

4. **Install software updates.** Apple regularly updates its operating system to keep up with the latest vulnerabilities. To keep your iPad current, connect to iTunes on a computer.

![Software update screen in iTunes](image2)

5. **Change your Network Credentials.** Resetting your password will protect your email account. The new password will have to be entered on the iPad in order to receive messages. Use webmail to reset your password when off campus.