

# PROTECT YOUR DATA @Pride



We at LGBT Tech love celebrating Pride with our community, but large gatherings and busy events can pose risks to your personal data. In today's current political climate, protecting your privacy and personal information as an LGBTQ+ person is more important than ever. Check out our quick tips for protecting your data at Pride this year!

## USE PASSCODES & TURN OFF FACE ID

Turn off face-ID and use a strong 6-8 digit passcode to lock/unlock your device.

If your phone is lost, stolen, or taken, this will minimize the chances of forced access into your phone via face-ID.



## AVOID UNSECURED WIFI

When in large group gatherings, try to **avoid using public, unsecured wifi networks or hot spots**. These can become prime targets for hackers to intercept your data.

If you must use one, try to **install and use a VPN** before connecting to open wifi.



## LIMIT SHARING YOUR INFORMATION WITH VENDORS

Pride festivals are often a great place to gather resources, learn about local and national organizations, and sign up for services, but it is important to use caution when sharing your personal information at large, public events.

Be selective when sharing your name, address, email, phone, and social media both on paper or digitally on surveys, sign-up sheets, or give-aways and make sure it is an organization you can trust.

## BACK IT UP & LOCK IT DOWN

Back up all your important data (pics, files) to a secure cloud service or external drive. If your device is lost or damaged, you can still access all your memories and critical information.

Keep your device secure at all times, & avoid putting it in a pocket or bag if it can fall out or be easily stolen.

Turn on 2Factor Authentication on important apps like email, social media, bank apps. This is an extra layer of security on your online accounts if your phone is lost or stolen.



## DON'T FORGET!

- Use caution when using ATMs or credit card terminals at large events. Prioritize tap-2-pay or cash if possible.
- Protect each other - remember to ask for consent before filming others & posting pics or videos of the crowd at Pride!

