



Stop Making These 4 Common Internet Mistakes

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Although there's no shortage of articles and advice out there on internet usage "best practices," there remain a few internet mistakes consumers still commonly make.

Below, John Pettit, contributor for *CUInsight*, highlights 4 of these missteps and offers advice on how to stop making them.

1. Using the same password for everything

If you're using the same email/password combo for multiple sites, "you've got problems" (AOL guy voice). One data hack later, and some upstanding citizen has access to all your online accounts (including your financial institution). Make it hard for someone to access one of your accounts, but make it as difficult as possible for someone to access all of your accounts.

2. Believing everything you read

There's a lot of fake news out there. It comes from all kinds of sources and isn't exclusive to any political party. You may prefer one cable news network over the other, but don't just believe every piece of news you read on Facebook. Do your own research and make your own decisions. With all the click bait on the internet these days, the article you end up reading probably doesn't have anything to do with the headline you clicked, anyway.

3. Reading the comments section

Life is stressful enough without letting trolls get the best of you. If you like a post, give it a thumbs-up and move along. Wasting time reading what other people have to say will only lead to disaster. Some comments are pleasant and insightful, but most are just destructive and hateful. Do yourself a favor and don't let those people ruin your day.

4. Sharing your schedule

You want to squeeze in that last beach trip before cooler weather arrives? Fantastic. You should do it. Just don't share your itinerary with all of Facebook. That will only let criminals know when to plan their heist. Feel free to share some beach pics with your Instagram followers, but it might be best to protect your posts so only approved followers can know that you're not home.

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