

Decisively Disinfecting Your Digital Devices

You bring your phone and laptop with you everywhere. But when you bring along a device, make sure you're not bringing along bacteria or viruses. Here's how to safely clean your phone and laptop.

Note: Disconnect power, accessories, and turn off your device before you start cleaning.

1 Clean

Remove dust and debris with compressed air, dry lens cleaning towel, or lint-free cloth.

2 Sanitize

Take a 70% isopropyl alcohol wipe or Clorox cleaning wipe and wring out the excess moisture. Lightly wipe the surfaces of your device, including the screen.

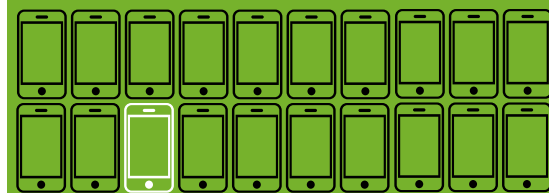
3 Dry

Allow the surfaces of your device to air dry for a few minutes before turning your device back on.

Researchers found

10 x MORE

bacteria on a phone screen than on a toilet seat or handle.



Only 1 in 20 people clean their phone more than **twice per year.**

Clean, Sanitize, and Dry to get rid of real viruses, but to prevent a computer virus...

Apply Updates

- Use automatic updates.
- Restart at least weekly.

Most malware used by cyber criminals won't work on an updated computer.

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