

FCC Launches Online Mobile Security Tool for Consumers

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In its on-going push to improve mobile safety and security, the FCC today launched a new online tool to help consumers protect their mobile devices.

The new site allows users to pick their platform (Android, BlackBerry, iOS, Windows) and provides the user with a list of security and safety tips that range from how to remotely wipe a phone to the proper steps for safe recycling of a mobile device.

The FCC notes that almost half of Americans now own a smartphone and close to 20 percent have been the victim of mobile cybercrime.

The online tool is a product of the FCC's collaboration with smartphone security experts from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the FTC, The National Cyber Security Alliance, CTIA, Lookout, and other public and private sector partners on these mobile security best practices.

Consumers can access the "Smartphone Security Checker" for free [here](#) [1].

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