APPS CAN TURN AN ORDINARY DEVICE INTO AN EXTRAORDINARY, VERSATILE MACHINE

Protect yours by being cautious with every download

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Download apps from reputable providers only

Steer clear of apps offered from file sharing sites and stick to resources like Android, Apple or Google stores where they typically check for viruses and other threats. Even then, stick to apps that get good ratings and have a significant number of downloads.

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If it's free, proceed with caution

Not all free apps harbor threats, but they can be a smokescreen for hidden downloads that use valuable storage space or worse. If you're unsure, an online search can help you learn more about the app in question.

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Beware of bundles

Downloading a free photo filter software package might seem like a deal, but bundles often include troublesome add-ons or plug-ins. These work in the background and can remain even if the main app is removed.

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Consider the conditions

Before you download the app, think about what it's asking for in return. Do you want it to access to your contact list? Are you comfortable storing your images on its servers? Read the fine print so you know what you're agreeing to.

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Don't ignore or delay new software updates

Keeping your device software current is important because updates usually address known security issues. Adding a trusted anti-malware program will also protect you from malicious apps and other threats.
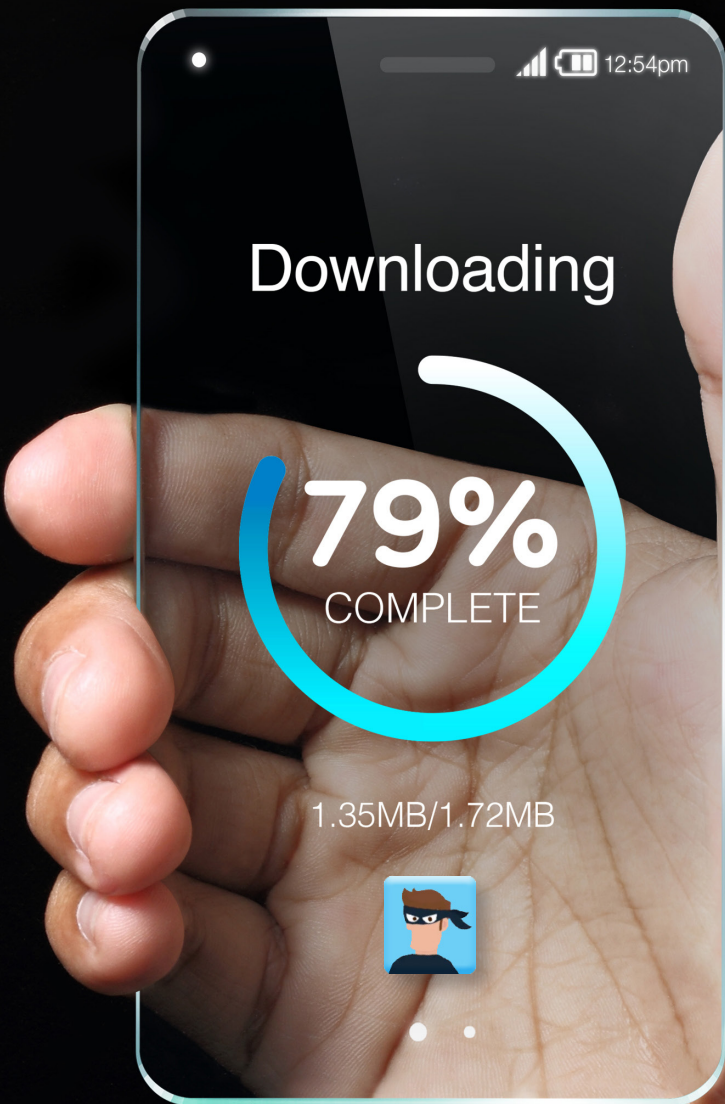
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Check with management

Always check with your manager or IT department before downloading any app on a work-related device.
Most companies have strict policies in place designed to protect you and the network from harmful downloads.

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