

Device Setup Checklist

A professional guide by LaFaries Mortimer LLC for securing and preparing new devices for business and personal use.

Why Device Setup Matters

New devices are most vulnerable before they are properly configured. This guide walks you through essential steps to protect your data, reduce risk, and establish a clean operational foundation.

Initial Configuration Checklist

- Update the operating system immediately
- Enable automatic updates
- Set a strong device password or PIN
- Enable biometric security if available

Security Essentials

- Turn on built-in firewall protections
- Install reputable antivirus or endpoint protection
- Disable unnecessary startup programs
- Enable device encryption (BitLocker / FileVault)

Account & Access Setup

- Create a primary admin account
- Use separate standard accounts for daily use
- Secure email accounts with MFA
- Remove default or guest accounts

Final Readiness Check

- Test backup systems
- Verify login recovery options
- Document serial numbers and licenses
- Store credentials securely using a password manager

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