

Digital Privacy Protection Behavior Scale

Do you use any of the following?

Response Scale

Yes No

1. Password/PIN, visual code or fingerprint lock on your SMART PHONE
2. Password/PIN, visual code or fingerprint lock on your TABLET
3. Password/PIN, visual code or fingerprint lock on your COMPUTER
4. Encryption on your computer or USB/flash drive
5. Antivirus scanner on your computer
6. Firewall on your computer or network
7. Virtual private network (VPN) or TOR
8. A burner phone or fake phone number
9. Encrypted email
10. Self-destructing messaging
11. Two-factor authentication for a mobile phone (requiring that you log in with a username and password and also a special temporary code sent to you by text or through an authentication app)

The scale was developed and first described in the following paper, along with its psychometric performance. The scale is free to use, without restriction.

Elhai, J. D., Levine, J. C., & Hall, B. J. (2017). Anxiety about electronic data hacking: Predictors and relations with digital privacy protection. *Internet Research*, 27, 631-649.

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