The gaming PC safety checklist

Before installing your next mod, wallpaper, game add-on or application, work through these ten checks.

- ☐ **Check the source.** Is this the genuine developer's website or a reputable download platform?
- ☐ **Watch for fake download buttons.** Make sure you're downloading what you actually wanted.
- ☐ **Be wary of free cheats and premium content.** Especially anything asking you to switch off antivirus protection.
- ☐ **Don't automatically trust Discord messages.** Even a friend's account could be compromised.
- ☐ **Know what you're downloading.** Check the file type, developer and recent reports about the project.
- ☐ **Don't run mystery commands.** A CAPTCHA shouldn't need PowerShell or the Windows Run box.
- ☐ **Protect your accounts.** Use unique passwords, two-factor authentication and sensible app permissions.
- ☐ **Pay attention to warnings.** Understand what Windows is asking before approving an action.
- ☐ **Keep backups.** Make sure your important files can survive an experiment that goes wrong.
- ☐ **Ask questions and speak up.** Getting advice early is better than dealing with a compromised computer or stolen account later.

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