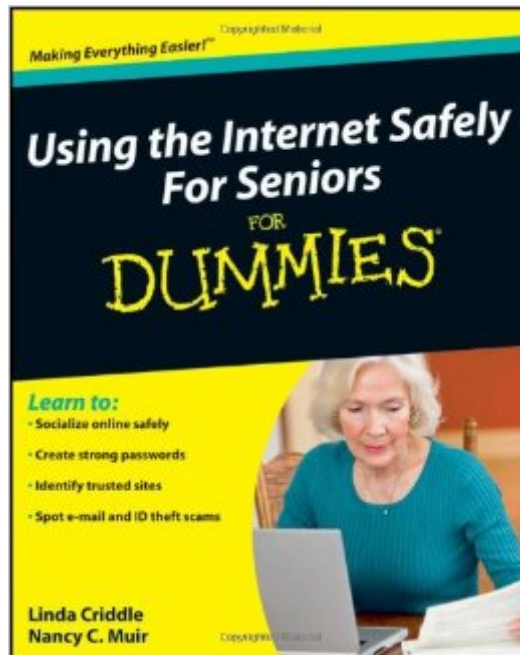


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Using The Internet Safely For Seniors For Dummies



Synopsis

The Internet is amazing, but the risks youâ™ve heard about are real, too. You can avoid being a victim of online crime with the simple steps for staying safe online that youâ™ll find in Using the Internet Safely For Seniors For Dummies. Hereâ™s the guide you need to steer safely through the hazards so you can shop, visit, invest, explore, pay bills, and do dozens of other things online â™ more securely. Learn to protect yourself from online predators, create strong passwords, find reliable information, spot e-mail and phishing scams, and much more. Find out how to share photos and videos, chat with others, and participate in online discussionsâ™ securely See how, with strong passwords and reasonable caution, online banking and bill-paying might be safer than the old way Learn to install and set up a browser, use search engines effectively, and sidestep suspicious ads Discover how personal information is collected and used by legitimate companies â™ and by crooks Be able to spot risks, find out how online criminals think, and know what makes you vulnerable Enjoy social networking sites without putting yourself at risk Spot reputable healthcare sites and avoid medical ID theft and scams Thereâ™s even a glossary of common computer terms and a guide to your rights when using the Internet. Using the Internet Safely For Seniors For Dummies helps you feel more secure by showing you how to protect yourself while enjoying the Web.

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Customer Reviews

I consult to businesses about online safety and one of the biggest customer communication challenges has always been how to educate people about being safe online without scaring or

boring them. This book does a great job of achieving that balance. Statistically, senior internet users are more likely to be targeted by online fraudsters/scammers for a variety of reasons. What the authors do is describe the many situations that can lead to trouble and the relatively simple (and intuitive) ways to avoid it. The book covers online dating, online gaming, social networking, sharing pictures, sharing personal information, using email, using financial sites, talking to the grandkids about staying safe online, etc. What it drove home to me is that there are more minefields out there than we care to imagine and that when mistakes happen, they can be very serious. As such, I ended up buying a copy of the book for my parents because they are frequent online users, they are only aware of potential online pitfalls at a cursory level, and like many other seniors, if something were to go wrong, I would not be first on their list to call.

...at the age of 79 to explore the Internet, among other things. He contacted his telephone company and added Internet service to his account. But, then, the device remained essentially idle for a year or so because my husband and I don't live nearby (visits aren't sufficient for long-term learning), and he didn't know anyone else to show him how to use it effectively. He bought a couple of books, but they didn't help much; they were far too "techie." I finally purchased this book for him, together with **LAPTOPS FOR SENIORS FOR DUMMIES** (Laptops For Seniors For Dummies). He told me yesterday that these are the BEST books he's read! He's gotten his laptop out, and can actually understand and navigate it, now. Apparently, the authors really considered the psychology of their projected audience correctly! Thanks, bunches!

It was somewhat helpful, but as with most books written about computers a lot of assumptions are made that the reader is extremely computer saavy, which is not the case for me. Also, not a lot about viruses, bugs, Trojans, etc.

Nancy Muir, author of half a dozen Dummies books focused on a Senior audience, does a great job of walking her target audience through the major pitfalls of Internet use through some detailed rules for safe use of email, browser settings, social media sites, and posting of online photos. This book was able to allay many of the fears of my 94 year old Father In Law who was interested in digital phtography and wanted to post some photos taken on the golf course. He found the book a better resource than family members who tended to not understand his particular concerns, and focused instead on the "just do this, just do that" approach. He liked being able to read a page as often as he wanted, and not be talked to as a child. This book is self empowering for Seniors who want to be

treated as adults with consideration given to their special requirements. If happy with this book, I would also suggest Computers For Seniors For Dummies.

Move over seniors! This book is useful for any age. It offers specific helps and walks the internet user through the process so that you feel comfortable with each new topic. I find it works best to sit in front of my computer and practice what I read to solidify each suggestion. My only complaint is that the writing in the examples is too small and grayed. Working at the computer solves this problem, since I can now see it full screen.

Purchased for my great Aunt who was new to the Internet. She had heard all of the horror stories about scams and was very nervous this explained common sense steps she could take to avoid being a victim and explained some of the common scams and risks she needed to be aware of. This addressed her worries and concerns. She's still worried about the scams online but now knows what to look out for.

I found this book to be a great resource not only for seniors but also for anyone who is concerned about online safety. I liked the writing style and found the explanations to be straight forward and informative. I also liked that the book has many illustrations and screen shots, which make it much easier to understand.

As a senior and computer and internet user though not a techie, I think this book, for fellow computer users, is a good user guide to security. I think it is up to date, being copyrighted in 2009. It seems to cover pretty much the range of subject matters needed to provide security for users. This book apparently was not meant to teach computer programming or the technical intricacies of computer security, but for what it is meant to do, I think it does it quite well.

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