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## **General Security Guidelines For Safe Online Banking**

\* Keep your passwords confidential

\* Avoid using simple passwords and use strong passwords

\* Change the passwords periodically and whenever you feel that your password has been compromised or made known to anybody accidentally

\* Destroy the password/pin mailer after changing the password/pin

\* Avoid accessing online banking websites from cybercafés/shared networks

\* Upgrade the Operating System (OS) of the computer system promptly as newer/upgraded versions would help make your system more secure.

\* Use newer/upgraded versions of browsers as they are regularly updated to block and alert you from accessing the phishing sites

\* Install Antivirus software on your computer systems and update them continuously as this will reduce the risk of virus attacks

\* Installation of personal firewall would provide added level of security

\* Any potential risk caused through pop up windows may be eliminated by removing spy ware or ad ware installed on your system by using spyware/adware removing tools.

\* Avoid downloading from unknown/unfamiliar sources. They may contain Trojans/malicious programs or worms/viruses that may compromise your system security.

\* Disconnect your internet connection when not in use. This would avoid unnecessary access to the information on your systems and help protect yourself even if you have a personal firewall installed in your system.

\* Logout completely after using the online application, i.e., by clicking the logout button and closing the browser windows.