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Myth or fact: Incognito mode hides you online

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- [ ] **Use private mode on shared devices.** Open a private window to shop, check email or bank on a computer or tablet someone else also uses.
- [ ] **Close every private window when you finish.** Chrome only deletes an Incognito session's cookies and site data once all its Incognito windows are closed.
- [ ] **Delete downloads you don't want left behind.** Files downloaded in a private window stay on the device.
- [ ] **Lock Incognito tabs in Chrome on your phone.** Go to More, Settings, then Privacy and security. On Android, turn on Lock Incognito windows when you leave Chrome; on iPhone, use Hide Incognito tabs to lock them.
- [ ] **Require Face ID or a passcode for Safari Private Browsing.** On an iPhone, find it under Settings, Apps, Safari.
- [ ] **Assume work can see your browsing.** On a network your employer manages, private mode doesn't hide your activity from them.
- [ ] **Use the right tool to hide Safari browsing from your internet provider.** On an iPhone, Apple's iCloud Private Relay, part of an iCloud+ subscription, does that; private mode doesn't.

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