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# Cyber crime: 2021 another dangerous year

**At the end of the year, one thing is clear: Internet criminals are more active than ever, and are becoming ever more brazen. This is what you can do effectively protect yourself in 2021, too.**

2020 was a demanding year. Companies, schools and users had to move many of their activities to their own home or had to resolve this problem using other online channels. E-banking, mobile payments and online shopping were facilities used more heavily than ever as well. Much to the delight of Internet fraudsters who knew just how to exploit the latest digitalisation drive for their own criminal intents.

And they keep doing so – various security companies have researched current cyber crime trends and found that 2021 will be another challenging year. Since Covid-19 for instance will keep dominating the headlines, fraudsters will keep using news reporting on vaccines or new national restrictions for their phishing campaigns. Malware remains a danger, too. Hackers keep developing ever more sophisticated malware, en-masse.

It is therefore more important than ever to take responsibility for protecting your own devices. Gear up for 2021 with our security tips:

- Protect your devices and data with our [5 steps for your digital security](https://www.ebas.ch/5steps) (https://www.ebas.ch/5steps).
- Don't fall for those phishing messages. Follow our [tips against phishing](https://www.ebas.ch/phishing) (https://www.ebas.ch/phishing).
- Don't let [fraudulent telephone calls](https://www.ebas.ch/supportcalls) (https://www.ebas.ch/supportcalls) deceive you.
- Take the necessary precautions when using [social media and networks](https://www.ebas.ch/socialmedia) (https://www.ebas.ch/socialmedia).
- When working from home, bear in mind our [5 recommendations for securely working from home](https://www.ebas.ch/homeoffice) (https://www.ebas.ch/homeoffice).
- For companies: Follow our security recommendations containing [tips for SME](https://www.ebas.ch/sme) (https://www.ebas.ch/sme).