SECURITY TIPS FOR USING **ORCODES**

QR codes nowadays have been widely used in our daily life. Although it makes our life more convenient, we should always stay alert to the security risks. Here are some security tips for using QR codes in different situations:



MOBILE PAYMENT

- Confirm the source of the merchant's QR code is reliable before scanning
- Verify the transaction details provided by the application before payment
- Verify the transaction record immediately after payment
- Do not share QR codes generated for payment to others
- Merchants should adopt dynamic QR codes for transaction

LINK TO WEBPAGES OR APPLICATIONS

- Stay alert and do not scan any QR codes from unknown sources
- Turn off automatic URL redirection function of QR code scanners
- Use the QR code scanning feature in anti-virus applications
- Check the preview URL before clicking the link
- Do not share food ordering QR codes on social media platforms
- Merchants should regularly check if their QR codes have been modified or replaced





ACCOUNT LOGIN

- Only scan account authentication QR codes on official platforms
- When any unusual login is identified, logout unknown linked devices, change the password immediately and contact the service provider for support

INFORMATION STORAGE

- Some QR codes may contain sensitive information, such as those on boarding pass or concert ticket. Do not share these QR codes on social media platforms
- Merchants should avoid storing sensitive information in QR codes
- Otherwise, sensitive information in QR codes should be encrypted to prevent unauthorised access







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