



The Website Guardians

5 Simple Ways to Protect Your Website

1) Install a SSL Certificate

Your host should be able to install this for you, many hosts these days offer it for free using a service called LetsEncrypt.

2) Use Strong Passwords

Ensure that the passwords you use are secure, use a password manager like 1Password (<https://1password.com>) and check that your password hasn't been compromised at <https://haveibeenpwned.com>

3) Regular Offsite Backups

Don't rely on your hosting provider to backup your website. You need to be able to recover and reinstall your website yourself.

Use the plugin UpdraftPlus (<https://updraftplus.com>) which has both a free and paid version and allows you to automatically backup your website to Dropbox, GSuite and more.

4) Install a Security Plugin

Install iThemes Security to provide extra security for your website, the Pro version provides even more security including the ability to hide the wp-admin backend.

5) Ensure your site is updated

Ensure that you keep WordPress, your Themes and your Plugins updated to the latest version. You can do this from the Admin dashboard of your website. Always take a backup of your website first in case something goes wrong with the upgrade.

Bonus: Let us do it all for you

Want help with the above? Or looking for someone to manage the security, updates and maintenance of your website so you can focus on growing your business? Talk to us today, call 09 218 6300 or email james@thewebsiteguardians.co.nz

Disclaimer:

The above will help improve the protection of your website, but can't guarantee that your website won't get hacked or data get lost. We recommend talking to us about our care plans which provide even more protection