

Secure Our World Animation: Stay Safe by Updating Your Software—Audio Description

“Stay safe by updating your software.”

A cell phone shows a software update reminder on screen.

“Like many people, you might select ‘Remind me later,’ when you see an update alert. But think twice before delaying an update!”

Update Now is selected and a software update begins to load on the phone.

“Many software updates are created to fix security risks. By waiting, you leave your personal information open to criminals. Here’s how to keep software up to date and stay safer online. One, watch for notifications!”

A cell phone, laptop, and tablet appear with software update reminders on their screens.

“Your devices, like mobile phones, laptops, and anything else that connects to the Internet, will usually notify you that something needs to be updated. It’s important to install ALL updates, especially for your web browsers and anti-virus software.”

“Two, install updates as soon as possible.”

The cell phone and tablet disappear, and another software update reminder appears on the laptop screen.

“When notified about software updates, especially critical updates, make sure you install them as soon as possible.”

The update is installed and begins updating on the computer.

“Online criminals won’t wait, so you shouldn’t either!”

“Three, turn on automatic updates! This is the easiest way to make sure your devices are up to date and more secure.”

The Settings menu opens on the laptop, with Software highlighted.

“Look in your device’s settings, possibly under Software or Security. You may also be able to search your settings for ‘automatic updates.’”

Automatic updates are toggled on under Software Update.

“Turn them on, and updates will happen in the background without you needing to do it. Easy! Technology providers issue software updates to patch security vulnerabilities and protect you from criminals who try to take advantage of those weak spots. However, if you don’t install them, they can’t protect you. Set up automatic updates right now so you don’t miss anything!”

CISA’s Secure Our World logo flies on screen.

“Updating your software is one way to Secure Our World. Share these tips and help a friend stay safer, too. For more, go to cisa.gov/SecureOurWorld.”