Scanning QR Codes Safely

What is a QR Code?

A QR (Quick Response) code is a type of barcode that can be scanned using a smartphone or tablet. QR codes are often used to open websites, download apps, view documents, access online forms and make payments.

How to Scan a QR Code

Using an iPhone or iPad:

1. Open the Camera app
2. Point it at the QR code
3. Tap the notification
4. The notification will take you to the website



Using an Android device:

1. Open the Camera app
2. Point it at the QR code
3. tap the link that appears
4. The notification will take you to the website

Stay Safe When Scanning QR Codes

Check where the QR code has come from, inspect the web address carefully and only provide information to trusted websites.

Warning Signs

Be cautious of requests for bank details, suspicious web addresses, spelling mistakes or pressure to act quickly.

Digital Cheshire Tip

Pause before you scan. If you are unsure, visit the organisation website directly instead.

Need More Help?

If you would like support using QR codes, smartphones, tablets, email, or other online services, Digital Cheshire may be able to help.
Contact Digital Cheshire to find digital support opportunities, training sessions and local advice services.

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