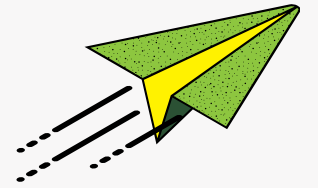# The Ultimate
NEW DEVICE CHECKLIST

☐ CHANGE DEFAULT PASSWORDS

Default passwords are well-known and easy to find online. By changing the default password, you make it harder for someone else to gain access to your device.

☐ LOCK YOUR DEVICE

Locking your device down with a PIN or biometrics offers both **security** and **convenience**. Biometric methods like fingerprint or facial recognition are a quick way to unlock your device, and are more secure than a password or PIN.

☐ DITCH BLOATWARE

Uninstall any apps, games, or services that you won't be using.

Bloatware: pre-installed apps on new devices; e.g. health tracking apps, trial antivirus

☐ UPDATE! EVERYTHING!

Update your device's operating system and apps to the latest versions. Enable automatic updates to make it easier to stay secure.

☐ SECURITY, CUSTOMIZED

Review your device's security and privacy settings, such as enabling antivirus and turning off optional data sharing/telemetry. Companies often add new toggles for privacy settings, sometimes without notice to you, so it's important to regularly review them for changes.

☐ PERMISSION LOCKDOWN

See something weird, like a calculator app that needs access to your location? Don't use it!

Review app permissions, and look our for any apps asking for data or permissions that are not relevant to their function.

ACCESS STUDENT DEVICE SUPPORT

UFV students can access IT support for their personal devices. Scan the QR to learn more.