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Here are some quick security checks Mac users can do:

System Settings

- **Software Updates** → Make sure macOS and all apps are up to date. Go to System Settings → General → Software Update.
- **FileVault** → Confirm your disk is encrypted. System Settings → Privacy & Security → FileVault should show "On."
- **Firewall** → Should be enabled. System Settings → Network → Firewall.
- **Lock Screen** → Set a short auto-lock timeout and require password immediately. System Settings → Lock Screen.

Passwords & Accounts

- Use a **strong, unique login password** (not a simple PIN).
- Check for **saved passwords with known breaches** in System Settings → Passwords — Apple flags compromised ones automatically.
- Enable **two-factor authentication** for your Apple ID if you haven't already.

Privacy Checks

- Review which apps have access to your **camera, microphone, location, and contacts** under System Settings → Privacy & Security.
- Go through **Full Disk Access** and remove any apps that don't need it.

App & Download Safety

- Make sure **Gatekeeper** is set to allow apps from the App Store or identified developers only (Privacy & Security → "Allow apps downloaded from").
- Periodically review **Login Items & Extensions** (System Settings → General → Login Items) and remove anything unfamiliar.

Network

- Avoid unknown **public Wi-Fi**; use a VPN if you do.
- Check **Sharing** settings (System Settings → General → Sharing) and turn off any services you don't use (Remote Login, Screen Sharing, etc.).

Browser

- Clear cookies/cache periodically and review browser **extensions** — remove any you didn't intentionally install.
- Use **Safari's Privacy Report** to see what trackers are being blocked.

Bonus: Quick Terminal Check

Run this to see if any unusual processes have Full Disk Access or are set to auto-run:

```
bash
# See startup items
ls /Library/LaunchAgents /Library/LaunchDaemons ~/Library/LaunchAgents
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Doing these checks every few months keeps your Mac in good shape without needing any third-party tools.

