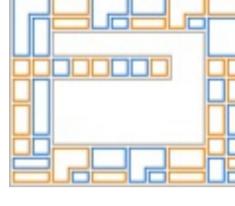


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Reboot your Privacy Settings

Mom taught us to never trust a stranger. With our interconnected world, knowing whom to trust is increasingly difficult. Facebook's recent notoriety uncovered challenges in the social media platform's security. Abacus has created step-by-step [instructions](#), along with an instructional [video](#), to help you assess whether or not a third party has accessed your account. We also share tips on how to strengthen your password.

Five Steps to Living Safer Online

You probably already know what to do. So, our first recommendation is to take five minutes to act on one of these security measures: 1) use a password manager like [LastPass](#) or [1Password](#) that will create and store unique passwords for each website you visit; 2) turn on two-factor authentication for [Gmail](#) accounts, [Amazon](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), etc., etc., etc.; 3) check the "From E-mail Address" before clicking; 4) update the operating system of your desktop, laptop, phone automatically; and 5) visit Abacus's collection of [10 Steps to Prevent Identity Theft](#).



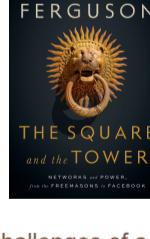
Kudos to Our Team

Cheryl Holland, Abacus's founder and president, was one of a handful of advisors selected by Charles Schwab and Company to share a [client story](#) at Schwab's Impact conference. Cheryl also introduced one of the four key note speakers. Cheryl admits to shaky ankles when speaking in front of an audience of 5000. Abacus is also celebrating Cheryl's 5th consecutive year on the Barron's [Top 100 Female Advisors](#) list.



How to Shop Online Like a Security Pro

[Krebs On Security](#) is a must-read blog for managing ever-evolving cyber risks. This [article](#) is a guide for shopping online without getting snookered. And take note of the last recommendation: If you have a credit freeze in place for the major credit bureaus, talk to your parents, children, and friends about enabling a freeze, too. If you want to keep reading, we recommend this [article](#) on the dangers of using your mobile phone for cardless ATM withdrawals.



Athena's Corner: The Square and The Tower – Networks and Power, from the Freemasons to Facebook

Niall Ferguson's *The Square and The Tower* is a captivating book that sprints through history with an eye on critical turning points wrought by the collision of hierarchies and new social networks. If you are curious about the political and social challenges of a networked world, [e-mail Alexa](#) for a copy of the book from Abacus's library. Rather watch TV for the potential impacts of technology in the future? Abacus recommends Netflix's *Black Mirror*.

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