



BROWSER ESSENTIALS

BROWSE SMART. STAY SAFE. GET MORE DONE.

Simple settings and good habits for a better, safer browsing experience.



RGE TIP: Your browser is your window to the internet. A few smart settings and safe habits can save you time, protect your privacy, and help you avoid problems.
Smart today prevents headaches tomorrow.



MAC NOTE: These tips apply to Safari, Chrome, Edge and Firefox on Mac, iPhone and iPad. Names may differ slightly, but the concepts are the same. Keep your browser updated for the best security and performance.



1. EVERYONE USES THESE (ESSENTIALS • Everyday Tasks)



Use Secure Websites

Look for <https://> in the address bar and a padlock icon.



Keep Your Browser Updated

Updates fix security problems and improve performance.



Bookmark Important Sites

Use bookmarks or favorites for quick and easy access.



Use the Search Bar

The address bar can search the web—just type and go.



Download With Care

Only download from trusted websites. Check before you click.



Watch for Ads and Pop-ups

Don't click suspicious ads or pop-ups. Close them out.



Sign Out When Finished

Especially on shared or public computers.



RGE TIP: When in doubt, don't click. Take a breath, check it out, and stay safe.



2. USEFUL SKILLS (GOOD TO KNOW • Do More)



Manage Tabs

Open new tabs for different sites and close the ones you're not using.



Organize Bookmarks

Create bookmark folders for Shopping, Banking, News, Health, and more.



View History

See sites you've visited and return to them easily.



Use Extensions Wisely

Extensions can add helpful features, but only install ones you trust.



Save Passwords Carefully

Let your browser save passwords only if you use a strong device lock or password.



Use Reader/Reading View

Remove distractions and read articles more easily.



Translate Web Pages

Most browsers can translate pages into your language.



RGE TIP: A tidy browser is a fast browser—close, organize, and simplify often.



3. ADVANCED TOPICS (USE WITH CAUTION • Control)



Clear Browsing Data

Clear cache, cookies, and history to protect privacy or fix problems.



Privacy & Tracking Protection

Turn on built-in privacy features to block trackers and ads.



Manage Site Notifications

Allow notifications only from sites you trust and want to hear from.



Payment Methods

Review saved payment methods and update or remove when needed.



Use Incognito/Private Mode

Browse without saving history (does not make you invisible).



Sync Across Devices

Sign in to sync bookmarks, passwords, history, and settings across your devices.



Reset Browser Settings

If problems continue, you can reset settings without losing your bookmarks.



RGE TIP: Change one setting at a time so you can see what helps and what doesn't.

HOW TO GET STARTED



Choose a browser you like.



Check for updates.



Review privacy and security settings.



Add bookmarks for important sites.



You're ready to browse smart!

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS

- ✓ Never share personal information on websites you don't trust.
- ✓ Beware of offers that seem too good to be true.
- ✓ Use strong, unique passwords for important accounts.
- ✓ Keep your browser and device updated.
- ✓ If something looks suspicious, stop and ask!



RGE GOLDEN RULE

Look before you click.
Think before you enter.
Smart browsing keeps you safe and in control.



RGE PHILOSOPHY

Teacher first.
Technician second.
People always.