5 Ways to Defend Your Smart TV from Hackers

1 Know exactly what features your TV has and how to control those features. Do a basic Internet search with your model number and the words "microphone," "camera," and "privacy."

2 Don't depend on the default security settings. Change passwords if you can – and know how to turn off the microphones, cameras, and collection of personal information if possible.

3 If you can't turn off a camera but want to, a simple piece of black tape over the camera eye is a back-to-basics option.

4 Check the manufacturer's ability to update your device with security patches. Can they do this? Have they done it in the past?

5 Check the privacy policy for the TV manufacturer and the streaming services you use. Confirm what data they collect, how they store that data, and what they do with it.

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