[**Risk to Data Security**](https://youtu.be/DqNkcN7hpQ0)

**Narrator:**

This Vignette concerns Functional Risk.

Interviewees will be discussing Risky Data Security.

These are threats to one’s personal information from malware attacks and password thieves. It manifests in observable behaviour as an anxiety or nervousness when going online as the digital space is perceived as unsafe.

In this section, you will hear a number of video vignettes extracted from interviews with older Australians.

Our first interviewee, Eda, aged 77, brings up her issues with relying on digital storage and her strategy for backing up.

**Eda:**

I have a slight nervousness about the security of iCloud you know that that it can be blown out of the sky, metaphorically, at any time so I do keep up my I do keep my most precious files on a USB stick, but I get, you know, I get a bit careless about backing it up and you know I think it's probably fairly secure so that that data security is i suppose one of the underlying things.

**Narrator:**

Next, we hear the concerns of Paulina, aged 59, around making good passwords and relying on them for security online.

**Paulina:**

Somebody stealing your information because of the password that are not strong enough and people can get in if you don't have a strong password.

**Narrator:**

Finally, Tony, aged 68, identifies his biggest concern online and how he mitigates the associated risks.

**Tony:**

Well, the first one I've got is getting a virus or malware. I guess that's the biggest risk I see. I mean, I've got Windows Defender and other things, but I haven't had any... I mean, I've had a few sort of, "Beware of this site" type thing a couple of times, but nothing, for a few years now.”

**Narrator:**

These vignettes were developed by the Shaping Connections Research Program at RMIT University’s School of Economics, Finance, and Marketing.

Our research develops insights on social inclusion and technology use among older Australians.

Please find additional information about these vignettes in the video description below.

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