

Backing up your data

If the thought of losing all of your personal photos and documents fills you with dread, it is vital that you take steps to back up your data consistently. Consider these backup options to help you protect your data in the event of a technology meltdown.

Make a local backup

Copy your data to a separate type of media, such as an external hard drive, USB Flash drive, CD/DVD or Windows Home Server or Mirra. Using a combination of devices enables you to backup the backup and store data in different locations.

- Advantages:
 - ✓ Backups and restores are fast and accessible
 - ✓ Copies can be placed in different locations for greater peace of mind

- Disadvantages:
 - ❖ Cost of media or server can be expensive
 - ❖ Even though the media is very resilient, it is still susceptible to physical damage
 - ❖ Multiple media types can be hard to manage, it is important to keep track of what is backed up and when it was last backed up.
 - ❖ It can be time consuming performing multiple back ups on a regular basis

Back up to “The Cloud”

The Cloud provides a remote backup solution, whereby data is stored online and can be accessed from anywhere and often by multiple computers.

- Advantages:
 - ✓ The most secure backup method
 - ✓ Your data can be accessed anywhere
 - ✓ The backup files can not be damaged physically
 - ✓ Backups can be setup automatically and happen in real time

- Disadvantages:
 - ❖ Usually requires a subscription cost and regular online access

If you need some advise in determining which options are best for you, or help with setting up a backup, **call tekkiehelp on +65 81138682** and together we will help you secure your data.