POCKET PRIVACY MOBILE
Choose your phone with care:

- Inform yourself about different operating systems and their compatibility with key security apps.
- Removable batteries make it possible to really switch your phone off.
- Phones where the baseband (mobile phone provider) and CPU (your phone’s computer) are separate offer more privacy.

Check your settings and change where needed:

- Location, Contacts, Photos, Camera, and Mic.
- Password: Create a strong password to protect your phone.
- Encryption: If the phone is not encrypted by default, encrypt it.
- Set up a SIM-card lock.
- Disable USB debugging so your data can’t be copied without your permission.

Use a VPN.

Use Orbot to connect to the Tor anonymity network.
Use a secure messaging app like Signal or Chatsecure.

Install a privacy-enhancing browser like Orfox or DuckDuckGo.

Regularly delete your Wi-Fi history.

Turn off Bluetooth/NFC when not in use.

Install a free anti-virus, Avira or Avast, which can catch known malware, detect phone location and remotely wipe data if your phone is stolen or lost.

Regularly check app permissions.

Delete unused apps.

Make regular backups of your data and clean your phone.

Sometimes leave your phone at home, to break behavioural (and therefore data) patterns.

Be aware of spam and viruses - don’t click on random links.

Enable the ‘opt out of interest-based ads’ option in your Google account, and tap Reset Advertising ID (Google settings > Services > Ads)

Disable location tracking. (Note that this will prevent you from using the GPS in Maps) (Google settings > Services > Location)

Disable and delete your Google location history (Google Settings > Services > Location > Google Location History)