

Encryption: External Storage Drives

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This article reviews how to encrypt external storage drives such as hard-drives and USB drives.

See also:

- [Encryption: Emails in Microsoft 365](#)

When & why

Encryption is required if you must store files containing financial or personal information (e.g., credit card or Social Security numbers) on an external storage drive.

Why encrypt?

Encryption ensures that, if the device is lost or stolen, the data contained is inaccessible to any unauthorized users.

How to encrypt

- Visit UVM's [Encrypting an External Drive](#) page for instruction on external drive encryption via Bitlocker (for Windows) or FileVault (for MacOS).
- Some [external drives](#) even have built-in encryption!

Questions?

If you have any additional questions or problems, don't hesitate to reach out to the [Help Desk](#)!

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