



# 2026 Google Privacy & Security Audit Checklist

*Verify your digital perimeter across all layers of the Google ecosystem.*

## Phase 1: Core Account Identity (Level: Global)

- **Passkeys Activation:** Verified that biometric keys are active and legacy passwords are being phased out.
- **Privacy Checkup:** Completed the guided walkthrough to confirm data sharing preferences.
- **Auto-Delete Protocols:** Set Web & App Activity to auto-scrub every 3 or 18 months.
- **Third-Party Access:** Revoked permissions for all apps not used in the last 90 days.
- **Google Takeout:** Scheduled a bi-annual export of critical data for offline archiving.

## Phase 2: Browser Environment (Level: Desktop/Chrome)

- **Search Provider Alignment:** Confirmed that the address bar matches the intended engine (Google, DuckDuckGo, etc.).
- **Extension Audit:** Removed any browser extensions that have "Manage Search Settings" permissions.
- **Sync Identity:** Verified that the active Chrome Profile matches the intended Google Account.
- **Privacy Sandbox:** Confirmed that third-party cookie alternatives are configured to minimize cross-site tracking.

## Phase 3: Mobile & Hardware (Level: Android)

- **Privacy Dashboard Review:** Inspected the 24-hour timeline for microphone, camera, and location access.
- **Private Space Setup:** Moved banking, healthcare, and sensitive communication apps into hardware-isolated storage.
- **Gemini vs. Assistant:** Calibrated the AI assistant choice and reviewed its personal data access limits.
- **SafeSearch Locking:** Confirmed that content filters are active and synced with the primary mobile profile.
- **Geolocation Hygiene:** Set high-frequency apps to "Approximate Location" or "Ask Every Time."

**Audit Status:**  **Secure** (All boxes checked)  **Action Required** (Missing 1-3 items)  **Vulnerable** (Missing 4+ items)