Six Important Security Measures for your Smartphone:

1. **Use a pin, password or pattern to lock your phone.** Setting this up is easy: On most Smartphones, you can set up a password or access code in your Settings. In many, like the iPhones & Galaxy Phones, this can be done during your initial setup of the phone.

2. **Download apps only from trusted stores.** If you're browsing for a new game or something more productive, use places such as the App Store, Amazon, or Google Play. Make sure you check ratings and reviews if they are available, and read the app's privacy policy to see exactly what phone features it will have access to if you download.

3. **Back up your data.** This is more about protecting and restoring your information should disaster strike.

4. **Keep your operating system and apps updated.** There are typically periodic updates to both of these that not only add new features, but also offer tightened security.

5. **Log out of sites after you make a payment.** If you bank or shop from your smartphone, log out of those sites once your transactions are complete. Other tips include not storing your usernames and passwords on your phone and avoiding transactions while you are on public Wi-Fi.

6. **Avoid giving out personal information.** That text message or email that looks to be from your bank may not be. If you get requests via email or text for account information from any business, contact the business directly to confirm the request. The same advice goes for tapping links in unsolicited emails or texts.