Back up important photos

• Identify where the original photos are stored.

• Copy them to a second trusted location.

• If originals live in the cloud, confirm they have downloaded before copying.

• Open several copies, including an older photo and a video.

• Keep the originals until verification is complete.

• Disconnect an external backup drive safely when finished.

• A synced library can repeat accidental deletion; a separate backup adds another recovery option.

General guidance. Stop and ask for help if a step is unclear.

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https://support.apple.com/en-ca/mac-backup

Questions? Describe your goal at onlinetechnicalhelp.com. Scope and price are agreed before paid work.