What is a VPN?

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A **VPN**, or **Virtual Private Network**, is a secure service that protects your internet connection and privacy online. It creates an encrypted "tunnel" between your device and the websites or services you access, making your online activity much harder to track or intercept.

Whether you're browsing the web from home, working remotely, or using public Wi-Fi, a VPN helps keep your data private and secure.

How does a VPN work?

When you connect to a VPN:

- Your internet traffic is encrypted.
- Your IP address is hidden and replaced with the VPN server’s IP.
- Your data is routed through a remote server, often in another country.

This means websites and online services see the VPN server’s location, not yours. Your real location and internet provider (like us!) stay private.

What are the benefits of a Virtual Private Network?

There are several reasons people choose to use a VPN:

- **Privacy**: Keep your browsing activity hidden from advertisers, websites, and even your ISP.
- **Security**: Protect sensitive information on public or unsecured networks.
- **Access**: View region-restricted websites or content when traveling.
- **Remote Work**: Safely connect to a company network from anywhere.

Do I need a VPN with my broadband connection?

No, it depends on how you use the internet. Here’s when you might benefit from a Virtual Private Network:

- You work remotely and need a secure connection (in instances where you're employed by a company a VPN is usually provided/set up by your company already)

- You travel frequently and use public Wi-Fi.
- You want to enhance your online privacy and security.

For everyday browsing at home, your broadband connection is already secure. But if you're concerned about privacy or access to content, a VPN can be a helpful tool.

Will it affect my internet speed?

Yes, a VPN may slightly slow down your internet speed due to the encryption and rerouting of traffic. However, with a fast and reliable broadband connection, most users won't notice much difference during regular browsing, streaming, or downloading.

Do Quickline offer VPN's to customers?

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No, Quickline doesn't currently offer a VPN service directly. Instead, we believe it's best to leave it to the dedicated providers who specialise in online privacy and security. This way, our customers have the freedom to choose from a wide range of reputable options that suit their specific needs—whether it's for work, travel, streaming, or enhanced privacy. Our focus remains on delivering fast, reliable broadband, so you can get the most out of whichever solution you choose.

Final thoughts

A VPN adds an extra layer of security and privacy to your internet use. While it's not necessary for everyone, it's a useful tool for protecting your online activity—especially when using public networks or accessing sensitive information.

If you're considering a VPN, there are many trusted providers available. Just be sure to choose one with strong privacy policies and good performance reviews.

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