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When you get to the site you will be able to download software to allow you access to the system. You will also set up your own guidelines for your account. If you are using windows media player you will have to upgrade the security. When you first go there you will be told how to do this and it takes only a few minutes. You are now ready to download and you can do that to a variety of devices: android; blackberry; iPhone; Mac OS; Windows. The website provides information to all of the things you need to know to effortlessly do this.

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