

Cyber Security Tip Sheet

Devices

1. Utilize common security features, passcodes, PINs, Facial recognition, and Two-Factor Authentication.
2. Destroy and have wiped old electronics that may have your data.
3. Apple phones and software are less susceptible to viruses than Microsoft/Android but are not invincible.
4. Consider storing all data on portable hard drives and disconnecting when not in use.

Programs

1. Regularly update programs (patches vulnerabilities).
2. Keep up-to-date anti-virus software.
3. Use Virustotal.com (free service from Google) to evaluate attachments and files.
4. Utilize an inexpensive "data blocker" device when charging USB devices from public terminals.

Browsing

1. Look for "https" and miniature lock in URL address when web searching.
2. If web address in bar is RED, run away from website, it is unsecure!
3. GREEN is the highest-level security and is used on banking websites. Bogus websites imitating banks will not have these.
4. Use VPN service, for remote access of work and critical information.
5. Clear browser frequently after use.

Practices

1. Don't use public wi-fi for any financial transaction.
2. When online in public, be mindful of those around you and who could view your screen. Utilize a screen protector.
3. Use string uncommon passwords for all accounts; don't use same password for all accounts.
4. Don't provide personal information to strangers.
5. Be cognizant of all types and forms of phishing (attempts to gather and obtain information and/or gain access).
6. Research and use highest privacy settings for all social media.
7. Do not use a Debit Card for online transactions (or at least do not use Debit Card for main account). Preferable to use Credit or an escrow service such as PayPal.



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