

Cybersecurity Tips

Often in the news, we see data breaches at large organizations and reminders of what to do if information was compromised as part of the breach. Below, we will cover some basic cybersecurity tips, as well as some additional tips to help keep your information secure.



Utilize Strong Passwords

Do not use the same password or a single password for all your different accounts. This practice can be difficult to maintain, so think about utilizing a password management system. An advantage to utilizing a password management system is you only need to remember one password versus multiple passwords.



Update Software

Older systems allow hackers more time to find vulnerabilities, and many times there are roadmaps online on how to obtain access through older systems. System updates ensure that your computer vulnerabilities are patched and secure to prevent intrusion.



Think Before You Click

Be suspicious of links within emails, or other forms of communication. Often, phishing attempts prey on a sense of urgency and fear to trap individuals into clicking and putting in their information into a malicious site. Hover over links before clicking on them. If possible don't utilize the link within the communication at all and go directly to the website.



Multi-Factor Authentication

Another way to add an additional layer of protection to your personal data is requiring an additional verification prior to logging in. This can often come in the form of a push notification to another device, such as a cell phone, or to another email.



Avoid Unknown Sites

When visiting new sites, be wary of entering personal information or downloading from the site. These sites often can have "drive-by download attacks" which can allow hackers to gain access to your network. When going to a new site check for the green lock or the padlock icon in your browser, this indicates a secure connection and could signal a business that takes their security seriously.



Don't Save Payment Information

Although convenient, breaches happen all the time, and if your payment information is saved a hacker may be able to steal your information. Additionally, avoid using your debit cards online or anything linked directly to your bank account. Often, debit cards don't offer the same protections from fraudsters as credit cards.



Be Careful on Social Media

Criminals and hackers can learn a lot of information about you by looking at your public profile, such as upcoming trips, family members and other personal information. Some important information that you may want to be more conservative about posting online would be full names, addresses, birthdays, children, vacations, and locations.



Secure Your Home Network

Wi-Fi in home is essentially a requirement in every home now. Making sure your home network is safe and secure keeps hackers away from your personal information while at home. It is suggested to have a complex and personal password for your Wi-Fi and keep the network private.



Be Suspicious

Better to be safe than sorry when it comes to keeping your information safe. Be aware of clicking links, downloading software and attachments, and what sites you are visiting. It is a good idea to keep a healthy paranoia towards email, social media, and the internet, as these are great ways for hackers to obtain your personal information maliciously.

These tips are not all inclusive, but a great spot to start to protect your information.

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