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# At-A-Glance Cyber Security

Often times, we may not realize that our actions online might put us or our families at risk. Learning about the dangers online and taking action to protect ourselves is the first step in making the Internet a safer place for everyone. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility and we each have a role to play.

## General Tips to keep You Safe from Internet Security Threats...

- Only connect to the Internet over secure, password-protected networks.
- Do not click on links or pop-ups, open attachments, or respond to emails from strangers.
- Always enter a URL by hand instead of following links if you are unsure of the sender.
- Do not respond to online requests for Personally Identifiable Information; most organizations – banks, universities, companies, etc. – do not ask for your personal information over the Internet.
- Limit who you are sharing information with by reviewing the privacy settings on your social media accounts.
- Do not use the same password twice; choose a password that means something to you and you only; change your passwords on a regular basis.
- If you see something suspicious, report it to the proper authorities.

## Did You Know?

Cyber intrusions and attacks have increased dramatically over the last decade, exposing sensitive personal and business information, disrupting critical operations, and imposing high costs on the economy.

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

## Internet Safety Tips for Children...

- Talk to your children about internet safety: What are they doing online? Who are they talking to? What websites are they visiting?
- Talk to your children about internet behavior that is suitable for their age, knowledge, and maturity.
- Talk to your children about the dangers and risks of the Internet so they can recognize suspicious activity and secure their personal information.



## Mobile Device Security Tips...

- Download only trusted applications from reputable sources.
- Be suspicious of unknown links or requests sent through email or text messages.

## Email Security Tips...

- Turn off the option to automatically download attachments.
- Save and scan any attachments for viruses before opening them.

