

# CYBER SECURITY & YOU

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# When you're ahead of the game, you cannot be gamed.

10 Ways to Be Cybersecure at Home



#### Identify your perimeter.

Less is more! Your network is safer when you have fewer connected devices and entry points.



#### Update software and devices regularly.

Regular updates make you less vulnerable to attack. Only download updates from the manufacturer and enable auto-updates when possible.





Routers often have default credentials that people don't know about. Disable the "remote configuration" option in your router and change both your Wi-Fi password and your router password.



#### Watch out for insecure websites.

Always use HTTPS for sensitive communications. Don't ignore browser warnings and always remember to check the website address carefully for misspellings and oddly-placed letters or numbers. When in doubt, manually enter the URL in your browser.

# Back up your files.

Backups save your information if your device breaks or is taken over by an attacker. Back up files to removable device that canbe locked away safely, such as a CD or flash drive.



### Don't download carelessly.

Files can contain malware, and websites are not always as they appear. Always verify sender identity before downloading files. Remember: If it comes from an oddly-spelled email address or is hosted on a site that makes your browser generate a warning, stay away!



### **Encrypt devices to deter thieves.**

Encryption renders files unreadable without the correct key. Some devices offer the option to encrypt individual files or the entire device. Consider which solution suits your needs best.

# Practice password safety.

Choose long passwords containing uncommon words. Use unique



passwords for sensitive accounts and a password manager to help you remember them.



#### Always use antivirus software.

Antivirus needs updates, too! Set it to update automatically.

## Keep yourself informed.

New cybersecurity bugs and attacks pop up every week. Stay informed about the latest threats to help keep you safe!

