Stop. Think. Connect.™
The Basic Steps to Online Safety and Security

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). Get involved in a month-long, worldwide campaign to encourage you and your organization to take action to raise awareness about the importance of protecting yourself online.

Stop. Make sure security measures are in place.

Think. Consider the consequences of your actions and behaviors online.

Connect. Enjoy the internet.

Be a Part of Something Big

Get Involved on Social Media
CyberAware
Use #CyberAware in your posts, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and download our sample social media content to share before and during the month.

Become a NCSAM Champion
Register yourself and/or your organization as a Champion to take action in support of NCSAM. It's easy and free to sign up at staysafeonline.org/ncsam/champions.

Join the #ChatSTC Twitter Chats
Join the discussion every Thursday in October at 3 p.m. EDT/noon PDT.

Lock Down Your Login

Keep a Clean Machine
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Fortify your online accounts by enabling the strongest authentication tools available, such as biometrics, security keys or a unique one-time code through an app on your mobile device. Your usernames and passwords are not enough to protectyor accounts like email, banking and social media.


Information about you, such as purchase history or location, has value – just like money. Be thoughtful about who gets that information and how it’s collected by apps and websites.

When in Doubt, Throw It Out

Cybercriminals often use links to try to steal your personal information. Even if you know the source, if something looks suspicious, delete it.

Share With Care

Think before posting about yourself and others online. Consider what a post reveals, who might see it and how it could be perceived now and in the future.

Own Your Online Presence

Set the privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. It’s OK to limit how and with whom you share information.

FOLLOW THESE STOP THINK CONNECT™ TIPS TO BETTER PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE AND MAKE THE INTERNET MORE SECURE FOR EVERYONE.

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Resources That Work:

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