National Cybersecurity Awareness Month
As we welcome the month of October, we also welcome Cybersecurity Awareness Month! This year marks the 15th year since National Cybersecurity Awareness Month began. Each week there is a new topic to learn about.

NCSAM THEMES
2018 National Cybersecurity Awareness Month themes:
- **Week One:** Make Your Home a Haven for Online Safety
- **Week Two:** Millions of Rewarding Jobs: Educating for a Career in Cybersecurity
- **Week Three:** It’s Everyone’s Job to Ensure Online Safety at Work
- **Week Four:** Safeguarding the Nation’s Critical Infrastructure

**Week One: October 1-5**
The first week will focus on best practices in protecting children online and offline. Additionally, tools that are considered to be basic essential information for families to know how to protect their households against cyber criminals will be provided.

**Week Two: October 8-12**
Week Two will spotlight the shortage of individuals there are in the cybersecurity field. The goal of this week will be to provide teachers, counselors and parents information on ways to spark a passion in students to pursue a career in cybersecurity.

**Week Three: October 15-19**
This week will highlight how we are all responsible for our actions online no matter who we are or where we work. Online safety and security is a responsibly we all share.

**Week Four: October 22-29**
Week Four will emphasize the importance of securing our nation’s critical infrastructure and how the public can assist in keeping it safe.

For more information on NCSAM, you can visit: staysafeonline.org/ncsam/ or www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month

Secure Your Smartphone
Our smartphones are mini computers. Just as you need to be knowledgeable in keeping yourself protected while using your computer is how you need to keep yourself protected while using your phone.

The following are the simplest ways to keep your mobile phone secure:

- **Update!** As much as we tend to dislike updating our phones, updates contain security patches to protect you and your information.
- **Password Protect** – If your phone is lost or stolen with no password, it allows the criminal access to all application you keep yourself logged into and learn everything they need to know to steal your identity.
- **When in Public** – Beware of sending sensitive information while connected to Public Wi-Fi as the information could be intercepted by attackers. Disconnect from Bluetooth while not using it, too.

Dear Readers,
Ever wonder how long it could take for someone to crack your password? Look no further than https://howsecureismypassword.net.

This online source tells you just how long a super computer could take to crack your password. **Note:** When you check your password, don’t use your actual password but something similar.

Sincerely,
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