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October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Help protect your accounts from cybercriminals by taking a few simple steps

In honor of cybersecurity month, we're reaching out to inform you about ways to help safeguard your online accounts from cybercriminals. The idea of someone getting a hold of your money or information is unpleasant. The good news is that there are simple steps you can take to help protect your accounts.

Install reputable antivirus software on your devices and be sure to enable automatic updates. This prevents cybercriminals from using malware installed via phishing emails or other methods to steal your usernames and passwords or to remotely access your computer.

Always use unique usernames and passwords for each of your accounts. Criminals purchase compromised login details from the dark web and test them on various websites to find people who reuse credentials for multiple accounts.

Be aware of social engineering scams. Criminals will sometimes pretend to be IT or security personnel from well-known companies and request remote access to your computer or ask you to disclose a password under the guise of fixing some non-existent issue on your device. Unless you have initiated contact with someone, do not grant access or give them your passwords.

Enroll in two-factor authentication / multi-factor authentication for your accounts and your email and mobile service provider accounts. 2FA/MFA acts as an extra hurdle for criminals, even if they find out your username and password.

Add extra security offered by your mobile service provider. Many mobile phone carriers offer features to prevent criminals from porting your phone number to a new device and attempting to use your phone number to access account information.

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