

THE MORE YOU KNOW...

KNOWLEDGE TO COMBAT FRAUD SCHEMES

HAPPY NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH!

We now live in a world that is more connected than ever before. The Internet touches almost all aspects of everyone's daily life, whether we realize it or not. In recognition of this, October has been designated as National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

But, what is cyber security? DHS defines cyber security is general Internet safety, which includes protection of anything connected to or accessible by the Internet- from networks themselves to the information stored in computers.

What should we remember to protect ourselves on the Internet?

Do not judge a book by its cover. Cyber criminals hide behind the anonymity of the Internet. Do not give any personal information to anyone online because you do not know who they truly are.

Look before you leap. Do not enter contests, join clubs, or share your personal information for any reason. Do not open attachments, click links, or respond to email messages from unknown senders or companies. Beware of any request to update or confirm you personal information.

All that glitters is not gold. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Free offers or prizes are frequently used to try to get you to give up your personal information.

A chain is as strong as its weakest link. Once you understand the dangers we face online, tell your friends and family!

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WANT TO REPORT A POSSIBLE FRAUD?

General Reports: Anti-Fraud Hotline (provided by the U.S. Senate Aging Commission)

1.855.303.9470 or www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline

Telephone or online fraud scheme? Federal Trade Commission (877.FTC.Help), www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov) or Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov)

Mail fraud scheme? United States Postal Inspection Service
1.717.257.2330 or www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov

Scheme involving money sent with GreenDot, MoneyGram or Western Union?
Green Dot: 1.866.795.7597
MoneyGram: 1.800.MONEYGRAM or 1.800.666.3947
Western Union Fraud Hotline: 1.800.448.1492