Online Cybersecurity Advice for all digital citizens

The internet is a shared resource, and securing it is our Shared Global Responsibility.

Lock Down Your Login
Your usernames and passwords are not enough to protect key accounts like email, banking and social media. Strengthen online accounts and use strong authentication tools - like biometrics, security keys or a unique, one-time code through an app on your mobile device – whenever offered.

Keep a Clean Machine
Keep all software on internet-connected devices - including personal computers, smartphones and tablets - current to reduce risk of infection from ransomware and malware.

When in Doubt, Throw it Out
Links in email, tweets, posts and online advertising are often how cybercriminals try to compromise your information. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it’s best to delete it or, if appropriate, mark it as junk.

84% of young adults globally think keeping the internet safe and secure is a responsibility we all share.

Back It Up
Protect your valuable work, music, photos and other digital information by making an electronic copy and storing it safely. If you have a copy of your data and your device falls victim to ransomware or other cyber threats, you will be able to restore the data from a backup.

Own Your Online Presence
Set the privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. It is OK to limit how and with whom you share information.

Personal Information is Like Money. Value It. Protect It
Information about you, such as purchase history or location, has value – just like money. Be thoughtful about who gets that information and how it is collected by apps, websites and all connected devices.

Share with Care
Think before posting about yourself and others online. Consider what a post reveals, who might see it and how it might affect you or others.

Cyber Security Awareness Month was founded in 2004 in the United States and is now a global campaign.