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# Cybercrime Prevention Flyer

## Internet Safety Tips

Internet safety is paramount in our increasingly connected world. However, complacency can leave us vulnerable to cyber threats and criminals that can compromise personal and financial information. Staying informed about best internet safety practices is our most effective defense.

### TIPS FOR INTERNET SAFETY

- Keep your browser and antivirus software up to date.
- Keep your software updated. Software updates fix bugs and resolve security issues.
- Use strong passwords, change them often, and do not use the same password for multiple devices and accounts.
- Use multi-factor authentication whenever possible.
- Make sure websites have a secure connection. Verify the URL begins with https instead of http and the browser displays a padlock icon next to the URL.
- Do not click suspicious links or attachments as they sometimes lead to malicious downloads. Always verify the origin of a link.
- Be cautious when posting personal information or photos that could reveal important information to criminals.
- Update privacy settings on new or existing online accounts; never use the default settings.
- Do not send money or bank account information to anyone that you do not know.
- Avoid clicking on sponsored links when using search engines as they could have malicious links in them or on the linked web page.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Social Networking Safety Tips](#)
- [Operations Security \(OPSEC\)](#)
- [Brute Force Password Attacks](#)
- [Search Engine Optimization \(SEO\) Poisoning](#)

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