National Cyber Security Awareness Month

About
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Our Shared Responsibility
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Weekly Themes:

InfoSec will focus on a different cyber security issue for each week in October.

Week 1: October 6-10
Theme: General online safety and STOP. THINK. CONNECT.

Week 2: October 13-17
Theme: Social Media – How to stay safe and still be friendly.

Week 3: October 20-24
Theme: Mobile Security – Protecting information on the go.

Week 4: October 27-31
Theme: University Policies that strengthen our Cyber security posture

More information can be found at:

www.Staysafeonline.org

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The Office of Information Security promotes a secure environment for the university to meet its mission of academic distinction in teaching, scholarship, research, and service.

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Emergency response systems, personal communications, and more.

This reliance increases as digital technology advances and high speed Internet access becomes more widespread. Yet, if we are to maximize the convenience, speed, and future potential of a digital society, we must protect the resource that makes it possible.

STOP. THINK. CONNECT
Cyber security begins with STOP. THINK. CONNECT. These three simple words are the starting point for staying safer and more secure online.

- **STOP:** Before you use the Internet, take time to understand the risks and learn how to spot potential problems.

- **THINK:** Take a moment to be certain the path ahead is clear. Watch for warning signs and consider how your online actions could impact your safety or your family’s.

- **CONNECT:** Enjoy the Internet with greater confidence, knowing you’ve taken the right steps to safeguard yourself and your computer.

**More info can be found at:**

http://www.dhs.gov/stophinkconnect

For more information on general online safety, visit

http://www.staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/

Some topics covered include:

- **KEEP A CLEAN MACHINE**
- **PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**
- **PARENT TIPS**
- **MOBILE & ON-THE-GO**

Cyber Security Awareness Class
For all Employees

During the month of October, GSU highlights our local training for Cyber Security. Each employee must complete the general cyber security awareness training course contained in BuildingABetterU by December 31st. For instructions, please visit

http://its.georgiasouthern.edu/infosec/cyber-security-awareness-course-instructions/