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National Cyber Security Awareness Month

About

National Cyber Security Awareness Month was created as a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online.

We lead web-based digital lives. From personal computers, smartphones, tablets, and e-book readers to working, shopping, and social networking, virtually every aspect of our lives

National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) is celebrated each October. This year marks the 12th anniversary of the combined efforts of U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance to promote a safer cyber community.

Our Shared Responsibility

Institutions spend thousands of dollars for virus protection, firewalls, and intrusion detection. Unfortunately, the weakest link in the defense of cyber crime is still you and me, the human. It is everyone's responsibility to exercise and promote safe use of our technology resources.

touches the digital world. Even when we are not directly connected to the Internet, this vast worldwide connection of computers, data, and websites supports our everyday lives through financial transactions, transportation systems, healthcare records,



National Cyber Security Awareness Month

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

Week 1: October 5

Theme: General online safety and STOP. THINK. CONNECT.

Week 2: October 12

Theme: Social Media – How to stay safe and still be friendly.

Week 3: October 19

Theme: Mobile Security – Protecting information on the go.

Week 4: October 26

Theme: University Policies that strengthen our Cyber security posture

More information can be found at:

www.Staysafeonline.org

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/stopthinkconnect>

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

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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/>

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