

# October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM)

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October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM). The goal of this collaborative effort between government and the business community is to raise awareness about cybersecurity, encourage personal accountability, and ensure that everyone has the resources they need to avoid becoming a victim of a cybercrime.

Cybercriminals continue to exploit human vulnerabilities and emerging technology. And with the rise of cybersecurity breaches and society's increasing use of and dependence on technology that connects to and shares data through the internet, it is imperative that we make a habit of practicing basic cyber hygiene. All of us can and should do more to protect sensitive data and information by implementing safe cyber practices at all times.

Even if you are extremely tech savvy, you can become the casualty of a cyberattack. Whether you're at work or at home, reduce your exposure to cybersecurity risks by being cautious *before* sharing personal or sensitive information online.

For tips and tools on how to become safer and more secure online, visit [NCSAM 2019](#). It's up to all of us to **Own IT, Secure IT, and Protect IT**. And remember the advice from the Center for Internet Security: **"STOP AND THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK!"**