



Cybersecurity Tips for Working Remotely during Covid-19

Update your Technology

It is important to ensure all business devices are receiving their appropriate updates. These can include updates for your computer operating systems, computer software and especially your anti-virus/anti-malware software, the apps on your smartphones and tablets. If the device can connect to the internet or to other devices, it likely can receive updates.

Backup your Data

It is important to ensure you are backing up your data to a different storage device or to a cloud service and to do it daily. It is also very important to verify that your data is being backed up correctly and that you can actually access and restore the data if needed. This ensures if your computer stops working, you can still access your data from another device.

Use a Virtual Private Network

Connect to a VPN while accessing business accounts and data, even while on your private Wi-Fi. Using a VPN encrypts the data you are sending and receiving over the internet, this helps protect your data from cybercriminals.

Secure your Home Network

Check for updates to your modem and wireless router. Setup a secondary or guest network for business use only and ensure the password to access this network is different from your personal Wi-Fi network. This keeps your business devices separate from your personal devices.

Passwords

Consider updating your current passwords to longer passphrases. Use a password manager to help organize and securely store them. It is also recommended to use multi-factor authentication to minimize unauthorized access of business accounts. Using a strong password and multi-factor authentication can drastically minimize the risk of an account takeover.

Phishing Emails

Cybercriminals will attempt to take advantage of the current situation. Phishing emails can distribute malware to your devices on your network or they can bring you to fake websites imitating legitimate ones and ask for your username and password. So as always, think before you click.

Train & Educate

It is important to understand the risks associated with working remotely, by training and educating yourself, you can minimize the risks. It is equally important to train and educate any team member and offer help if they need it.

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