STOPPING CYBERCRIME: TIPS FOR CONSUMERS

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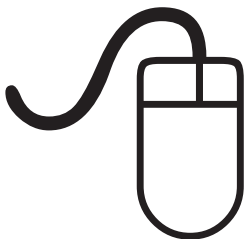
HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

- Install virus/malware protection
- Update all software and install patches
- Password protect home networks
- Never auto-fill or "remember" passwords

BANKING AND SHOPPING

- Only give info over encrypted websites
- Look for "https" in the web address
- Review transactions regularly for unusual activity
- Check out businesses before buying

CLICKING, SHARING, SAVING ...

- Never give out personal information over telephone, fax, email, social media
- Beware of emails and attachments
- Back up your files and delete personal information
- Be wary online

PASSWORDS

- Choose two-factor authentication
- Make them unique
- Don't use the same password for all accounts
- Keep them confidential
- Change them periodically

DO create passwords that:
- Are 8 or more characters
- Contain uppercase and lowercase letters
- Contain a number
- Contain a special character
- Are unpredictable

Example of a strong password:
Prot3ctYfc!
= *Protect Yourself From Cybercrime!*

Passwords should NOT:
- Repeat letters or numbers or use sequences
- Use whole words or common phrases
- Name a specific person, place, thing, date, etc.

PINs should NOT:
- Be a number easily identifiable with the user

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