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Securing New Devices

No matter impressive the latest devices you acquire, the ability and knowledge to properly secure these devices is more important than ever, as any device that connects to the Internet is potentially vulnerable and could become compromised. Here are some great tips to keep in mind that can help you securely configure your new devices!

- Adjust factory-default configurations on hardware and change default passwords.
- Double your login protection - Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) to ensure no one else has access to your account.
- Disable location services and remote connectivity when you are not using your device to further secure your private information.
- Install antivirus softwares on devices to assist detect, quarantine, and remove malware.
- Frequently patch and update your devices.

Kindly note that, it is very important to protect your Internet-connected devices!

Cybersecurity Tips for Children, Family, and Friends

This digital era amongst its benefits also introduces cyber threats of many kinds including bullies, predators, hackers, and scammers that may pose a threat to children. It is therefore important to teach every child how to be safe online, by providing important guidance on online safety, privacy and encouraging safe and smart decisions about online activity. Let's explore some concepts and tips that apply to keeping everyone safe online, regardless of age.

- Install or enable parental controls on the devices your children use.
- Teach kids to be cautious of suspicious messages.
- Know what your kids are doing by having a common area in the house for the family to do online activity, where children can feel independent, but not alone.
- Keep an open and honest environment and let your children know they can come to you with any concerns or questions about their online experience.
- Protect your children's information. Do not over-share information about your children and teach them this principle.

How To Spot and Avoid Common Phone Scams

A lot of phone scams are being perpetrated by criminals that sound more believable and are not easy to spot. Learning to identify and avoid these scams is the first step in protecting yourself and your data from these schemes.

Scammers who operate by phone can seem legitimate and are typically very persuasive! To draw you in to their scam, they might:

- Sound friendly, call you by your first name, and make small talk to get to know you.
- Claim to work for a company or organization you trust.
- Threaten you with fines or charges that must be paid immediately .
- Mention exaggerated or fake prizes, products, promotions or services.
- Ask for login credentials or personal sensitive information.
- Use prerecorded messages, or robocalls when calling you amongst others.

If you receive a suspicious phone call or robocall and you suspect it is a phone scam, the easiest solution is to hang up.

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