

Cybersecurity First

Some things to consider

As we come to a close of the Cybersecurity Awareness Month there's a few things to consider:

First, that cybersecurity is a year-round effort

It should be an individual's & organization's first consideration when creating and or buying new & connected devices

Making the internet more safe and secure requires all of us to take responsibility for our own cybersecurity posture



Cybersecurity needs to be a priority and not an afterthought. We need to do this year-round and we need to understand the risks and our own roles to really be cyber smart!

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While an increased online presence can be positive, Cybersecurity Awareness Month encourages everyone to take increased ownership of enhanced online activity and the important security practices that come along with it. The virtual safety of our community, and, ultimately, our nation, depends on our personal online safety practices.

What we do today can affect the future of personal, consumer, and business cybersecurity. Cybersecurity is increasingly becoming more of a consideration in how we work, learn, and play.

Consider this...

Active Internet Users as of January 2021

4.66 BILLION



59.5% of the global population²

Of this total 92.6 percent (4.32 billion) accessed the internet via mobile devices

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Our global digital population is only going to continue to get bigger. The internet is a core pillar of the modern information society. As such we need to consider cybersecurity as a must and not as an option.

Threats are changing and technology keeps evolving at a rapid pace - we need to look at how this is going to impact future national security.

If you are to take anything with you from this Cybersecurity Awareness Month it should be that we all have a role to play, it's not a matter of 'if' but 'when' and if you haven't been paying attention to the security of your connected devices we suggest you start right now.

Consider this

Back in 2003 a study found that there is an attack every 39 seconds on average on the web³



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That's 18 years ago! Imagine now that the world has become even more interconnected - chances are it's the same or worse!



Sources:

¹Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency www.cisa.gov

²Global digital population as of January 2021 <https://www.statista.com/statistics/617136/digital-population-worldwide/>

³Website for Hacking Statistics You Should Know 2021 <https://patchstack.com/website-hacking-statistics/>
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