

SPOTLIGHT: CYBER SECURITY

BEST TRICKS FOR BEATING CYBER CRIMINALS



While we may think that our information is usually stolen through breaches and hacks, we also unknowingly expose our own information. An online banking website can have all the security measures in the world, but if the computer you're accessing it from has a virus, your information can easily fall into the wrong hands. Strengthen your security by using the following tricks:

- 1 Keep up with software updates!** Outdated software can make it easier for scammers to hack your device.
- 2 Consider using two-step authentication.** Sometimes called two-step verification or multi-factor authentication, it can stop someone from getting into your account if they do get your password. This step can usually be activated by updating your account settings.
- 3 Boost your router security.** Wi-Fi is useful but it can also be the weak link in the security chain. If you have a Wi-Fi router in your home, make sure it is protected with a strong password.
- 4 Don't use the same password for all your accounts.** If a scammer figures out the password, they could get into all your accounts.
- 5 Password protect your phone and mobile devices.** Use a code or pattern, especially on devices that contain personal information or are used to log on to financial accounts.

Data security is a shared responsibility. Take the time to protect your information and it could save you a lot of time and effort in the long run. For more information on cyber security, check out www.stopthinkconnect.org. If you think a thief has your information, contact SCDCA's Identity Theft Unit for help.

For more information on protecting yourself from identity theft, visit www.consumer.sc.gov and click Identity Theft Resources.



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