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These cybercrime-riddled days, awareness of the importance of internet safety is already running high. But to further awareness about protecting yourself online, June is National Internet Safety Month. We ask community members to consider the following safeguards:

1) Create strong passwords.

- Create a unique password for each one of your online accounts.
- Use at least one capital letter, numbers, and non-alphanumeric characters.
- Avoid passwords that include your name or birthdate.
- Make them nonsensical (avoiding real words that can be found in the dictionary).
- Change your passwords often.

2) Shop smart.

- Use credit instead of debit. In the event that your account number is compromised and used to make fraudulent charges, your personal finances won't be accessible through your credit accounts.
- Only make purchases from websites that are clearly secure. Look for the lock icon or "https" in the domain name.
- Check "no" when you're asked if you want to store your credit card number for future use.

3) Be careful what you click.

- Do not click on links in suspicious emails, even if they say they are from a trusted source. Consider whether you typically communicate with this entity/person by email. Contact them directly by other means to verify the email.
- Be leery of clicking on links in pop ups. Consider blocking pop ups entirely.

4) Install antivirus software.

- You have many options to choose from.
- Make sure you install updates.

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