Connecting to the Internet

Computers, smartphones, tablets and any other device that connects to the Internet need to connect safely. These devices help us maintain our financial, social, and professional relationships. It is vital that we maintain a high level of cyber security to ensure safe processing and storage of our information.

Consider the following tips to help securely connect any device to the Internet. While no one step will eliminate your risk, together these will make your Internet defense stronger and lower the risk a malicious exploit.

- ✓ Connect to a Secure Network
- ✓ Enable and Configure a Firewall at home
- ✓ Install and Use Anti-virus and Anti-spyware Software
- ✓ Remove Unnecessary Software
- ✓ Apply Software Updates and Enable Future Automatic Updates
- ✓ Modify Unnecessary Default Features
- ✓ Operate Under the Principle of Least Privilege
- ✓ Secure Your Web Browser
- ✓ Use Good Security Practices

You can do some simple things to improve your computer's security. Some of the most important are:

- **Use caution with email attachments and untrusted links.**
- **Use caution when providing sensitive information.**
- **Create strong passwords.**

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