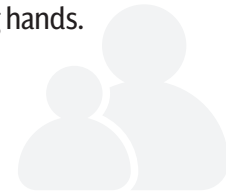


TIPS FOR BEATING CYBER CRIMINALS

prevention tips to share with your friends and family

Most people 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:



KEEP YOUR SOFTWARE UPDATED

Outdated software can make it easier for scammers to hack your device. Make sure to update all of your devices, including phones, computers and tablets.

CONSIDER 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.

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.

DON'T USE THE SAME PASSWORD FOR EVERYTHING

If a scammer figures out the password, they could get into all your accounts, especially if your email address is your username for the account.

PASSWORD PROTECT YOUR MOBILE DEVICES

Use a code or pattern, especially on devices that contain personal information or are used to log on to financial accounts.

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



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