



West Virginia State Privacy Office

Privacy Tips

October: Cybersecurity Awareness Month



Cybersecurity isn't just an IT department problem; it's a personal responsibility. Most successful hacks aren't "high-tech" movie scenes; they are simple "social engineering" tricks where someone is tricked into clicking a link or giving up a password.

This month is about mastering the "Big Three": software updates, password management, and skepticism.

Your Action:

- Update all your personal devices tonight.
- Software updates are usually "security patches" for holes that hackers are already using.
- Then, commit to using a Password Manager so you can have a different, 20-character password for every site without having to memorize them.

****Note:*** Your agency/bureau/department/division may have specific requirements – always check your policies and procedures. If you have questions, contact your Privacy Officer.