October is Cyber Security Awareness Month

Update the operating system on your computer and cellphone to the newest version for necessary security updates.

- Keep your anti-virus software up to date.

Up-to-date security software

Shop on secure sites that have the lock icon 🔒 or websites that start with **https://** in the url.

- Did you know? The "s" stands for "secure."

https://

Choose strong, unique passwords. Longer passwords are harder to crack. Using different passwords across your accounts helps you isolate a security breach if one website or service is compromised.

- 1 in 2 Canadians use the same password for multiple accounts.

Use strong passwords that combine numbers, letters, and special characters.
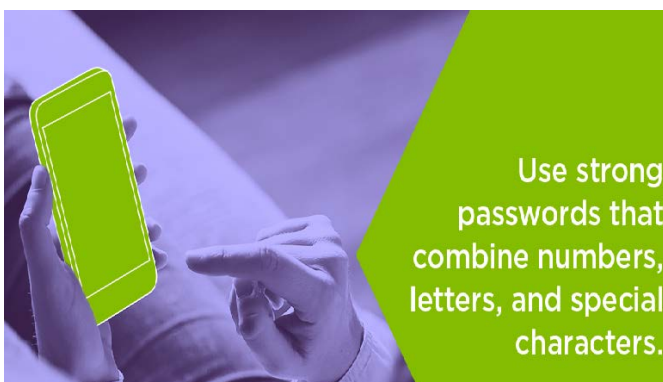
Turn off Wi-Fi when not in use and only connect to Wi-Fi networks that you know.

- Criminals can create fake Wi-Fi networks that look legitimate but steal your information once you connect.

Disable auto-fill features that save your username and password. Although it's convenient, the loss of your device could leave you vulnerable on all affected websites.

- 1 in 3 people allow browsers to remember their passwords.

13% OF MOBILE PHONES IN CANADA BECOME LOST OR STOLEN.[2]

Strong privacy settings keep cyber criminals from using your personal information to steal your identity and commit other crimes.

- 36% of teens have fully or partially public profiles on social media.

Watch out for emails and texts that look legitimate, but are scams.

- Don't take chances! When in doubt, get in touch with the company directly by looking up their phone number or going into their office.

Like most Canadians, you are probably taking these precautions

94% know not to open email attachments from strangers

95% know not to share their passwords

93% know they should use anti-virus software

For more information, check out: https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca #CSAM