

SECURITY AND SCAM HELPFUL HINTS

- If saving information to the cloud make sure you use a reputable company, like Google. Less diligent Companies have been hacked and the data has been stolen.
- Don't use the same password or passwords like 123, password, name, birth date or short passwords. It was suggested that phrases might be the best choice, like "the quick brown fox 1", is more difficult to decipher.
- Don't open emails that look suspicious, they may contain malware and your computer will be infested. Give aways, unknown bills, requests for money are key indicators, be diligent and delete them if there is any doubt.
- Better to invest a monthly fee for software protection then to use free programs. Free programs are seldom updated and new malware is happening daily. Paid for software is updated when new malware is found.
- Don't do any personnel transactions at an unprotected internet site, like Mc Donalds, anyone in the network could hack your information.
- When doing large bank transfers, like buying a house, make sure it is a secure network. Hackers have been known to change the routing information and send the money to their account. Call the bank before sending the money.
- Several electronic items in your house can be hacked, like ring cameras, smart TVs, and security locks. Ask your internet supplier if their internet is secure.

There are so many hackers trying to get our information the key point was to be diligent and if in doubt delete or call and verify if it is legitimate. One suggestion was to have a family or friend password to verify suspicious callers. It's sad that such a great technology has been twisted around by unscrupulous people for their own gain. BE DILIGENT!

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