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Cyber Security Reminders in a COVID-19 World



By now, everyone has been impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in some way. The pandemic has changed the way we perform many of our daily tasks, from shopping for groceries to even performing our jobs. As we adapt to a more electronically connected landscape, cyber thieves are doing the same.

For example, many of us have used video conferencing to keep in touch with our friends, coworkers and family members in the midst of maintaining our social distance. However, over the last few months, stories about “Zoom bombing” have made the news, where cyber thieves

hack into private Zoom calls and harass the participants. Attacks like these may be isolated, but they reinforce why you should never share private information through any sort of web-based communications platform.

Depending on where you live, your city may have already started easing the restrictions on going to restaurants and other locations. Many of these places offer complimentary WiFi, with most of these networks not being private or protected. If you need to use publicly available WiFi, be sure you are not conducting any activity that could compromise your identity, like doing your personal banking or shopping online.

And, while many of us are willing to lend our time and donate our money to a cause we believe in, there are some cyber thieves preying on those looking for a way to help. Both **CharityWatch** and **Charity Navigator** are two sites that can help you determine if a charity is reputable, or possibly a scam set up by criminals.

Chances are good you follow much of this advice already, but in times of change and uncertainty, it’s more important than ever to be vigilant about any information you share online.



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