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Terry's web browsing practices weren't much different from anyone else's. Her Internet browser helped her search for information, manage her finances, shop on-line and much more. And occasionally her friends (and sometimes strangers, too) sent her links to "check out" things that might interest her. It rarely crossed her mind to be concerned about the validity and safety of the sites she visited.

But a conversation with the IT staff at work convinced Terry that she should take steps to make her Internet surfing safer. The first step was automatic updating of her Internet browser. Then she began scanning all downloads and instituted browser website filtering. She also configured her security settings to a higher level. Now her web browser, and as a result web browsing, is safer, making her computer and data much less likely to be attacked and hacked by cyber criminals.

To learn more about safe browsing, including scanning downloads and browser website filtering, go to:

http://www.colorado.edu/oit/it-security/security-awareness