If You Connect It, Protect It
CU is proud to be a Champion of this year’s Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a global effort recognized each October to promote the awareness of online safety and privacy.

The key message of this year’s theme, *If You Connect It, Protect It*, dives into the importance of keeping connected devices safe and secure from outside influence. More than ever before, connected devices are an integral part of how we communicate and access essential services. The information collected from these devices can detail highly specific information about a person or organization, which can be exploited by cybercriminals for their personal gain. Cybersecurity Awareness Month aims to shed light on these security vulnerabilities, while offering guidance surrounding simple security measures to limit the susceptibility of threats for commonly used devices.
Homes and organizations are more connected than ever. With more of us now working from home, these two internet-connected environments are colliding on a scale we’ve never seen before. Learn protective steps you can take at both home and work.

**Smart Home Devices Need Smart Security:** Smart home devices provide undisputable convenience, but they can also come with security vulnerabilities. Reported incidents include eavesdropping, harassment, and theft. Learn how to keep your devices secure.

**Top 10 Actions to Reduce Risk:** Do your part to keep sensitive information secure, whether working from the office or working remotely. Review the top 10 list and see if you are taking the necessary actions to safeguard your devices from cybercriminals. While you’re there, be sure to bookmark the webpage for future reference.

**Keeping Your Family Secure Online:** Kids are especially vulnerable to cybercrime, including identity theft, because they are more likely to share personal information online. Teach your family good security behavior for keeping computer devices secured and personal information private.

**Your Connected Healthcare:** The convergence of the internet and healthcare has created many benefits for patients and healthcare providers, but has also created vulnerabilities that cybercriminals regularly attempt to exploit.

**HIPAA and Knowing Your Audience:** When sharing personally identifiable information (PII) and protected health information (PHI), get in the habit of thinking about your audience twofold.

**Cybersecurity Quiz and Prize Drawing**

We have created a quiz to help you assess your knowledge of cybersecurity. By completing the quiz, you will be automatically entered into a drawing for a chance to win a gift card. Details will be emailed to you on October 5. (See the rules for eligibility.)

**Webinar: Tuesday, October 27, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker:** Michael Mercer, Chief Security Officer, Denver Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Mercer is the Chief Security Officer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the
Denver Field Office, which covers nine Resident Agency Offices located throughout Colorado and Wyoming. He joined the FBI in 1991 and has been the Division’s Chief Security Officer for the past 12 years. Mr. Mercer’s security responsible includes information, industrial, physical, and personnel. He directs the Denver FBI Security Squad in identifying, developing, implementing and maintaining security processes that reduce risk, respond to incidents, and limit exposure to liability. His office also establishes and implements appropriate standards and risk controls.

**Webinar Follow Up:**

- A recording of the webinar is available in Skillsoft. Search "Computer Security Webinar FBI."
- For more information about filing an online internet crime complaint, visit [https://www.ic3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov).

Thank you to everyone who attended the webinar. You asked the best questions!

If you have any questions, please send an email to [SecurityAwareness@cu.edu](mailto:SecurityAwareness@cu.edu).

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