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**
Michael Mercer is the Chief Security Officer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the Denver Field Office which covers the states of Colorado and Wyoming, to include nine Resident Agency Offices located throughout both states. He is responsible for physical, personnel, information and industrial security for the Denver Division. Mr. Mercer directs the Denver FBI Security Squad in identifying, developing, implementing and maintaining security processes in the Denver Field Office to reduce risks, respond to incidents, and limit exposure to liability in all areas of physical, and personal risk; establishes appropriate standards and risk controls; and ensures that the appropriate policies and procedures related to data security are implemented.

Prior to joining the FBI, Mr. Mercer enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served on the Cutter Deceive and Air Station Miami. Mr. Mercer joined the FBI in 1991 as an Electronics Technician, where he was responsible for the Tampa Division’s wide area network, mobile communications, facility alarms, access control and CCTV system. He has been the FBI Denver Division’s Chief Security Officer for the past 8 years and is a Certified Ethical Hacker.

Presentation: Device and information security, digital footprint, and future technology and threats

The Zoom Webinar link will be available soon.

If you have any questions about Cybersecurity Awareness Month, please send an email to SecurityAwareness@cu.edu.

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