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How to Prevent Cyber Attacks in Prime-Time July

For many of us July means time at the beach and family vacations to out-of-town locations. But for cyber criminals living on the dark web July is a lucrative month to pillage the internet for those that have risky digital account habits. Just as important as securing your home before you leave town it's equally important to bolster your digital security online.

Because many of us are booking travel arrangements, sharing vacation updates online, or using public Wi-Fi networks our online exposure is at an all-time high. As such it's more critical than ever to maintain cyber safety. Following are ways you can stave off an attack on your digital identity:

Stay Informed:

Be vigilant about phishing scams, which often come in the form of unsolicited emails or messages offering free vacations or deals. Always verify websites before entering personal info.

Educate Yourself and Others:

Keep up with cybersecurity tips and share them with others to help everyone stay safe online.

Use Strong Passwords:

Create long, unique passwords with a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols. Avoid common ones like "123456" or "password" that can be easily guessed.

Enable Multi Factor Authentication (MFA):

Whenever possible, activate MFA for your accounts to add an extra layer of security. This could be a code sent to your phone or a fingerprint, in addition to your password.

Be Cautious with Public Wi-Fi:

Avoid entering personal or financial info on public networks. Use a VPN (Virtual Private Network) to encrypt your internet connection and protect your data.

Monitor Your Accounts:

Regularly review your bank and credit card statements for any unauthorized transactions. Set up alerts to catch suspicious activity early.

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And meanwhile, have a great July!

July Calendar

July 4 - Independence Day

July 1- 7 - Clean Beaches Week

July is Family Fun Month

Homeowner Tips



Ways to Protect Your Plumbing

Just say "NO" to chemical drain cleaners. These contain acids that damage your pipes and harm the environment.

Instead, use a mixture of hot water, vinegar and baking soda. This will bubble up and help clear out your drains, allowing water flow to return to normal. It combats mild build-up and is very useful for sinks, tubs and showers.

If you need something stronger, reach for an enzyme-based treatment like Bio-Clean or Zep or invest in a professional cleaning.

Seven Easy Ways to Guard Against Title Fraud

Although relatively uncommon for the average homeowner, home title theft is real. Here are some easy ways to guard against it:

(1) Watch for unusual bills or unexpected correspondence delivered to your address.

(2) Watch for changes to your mortgage statements or property tax accounts.

(3) Pay attention to bills you have on autopay and if you notice auto withdrawals stop call the agency involved.

(4) Regularly review your credit report (AnnualCreditReport.com) and look for suspicious accounts opened in your name.

(5) Track your mail with the U.S. Postal Service's free **Informed Delivery** service so you know what's coming to your mailbox.

(6) Sign up for free notifications (if offered) by your county recorder's office. Go to **Property Fraud Alert** and click to see if your county is in their system.

(7) If you suspect title fraud do the following: (1) Immediately contact your title insurance company to see if it's covered; (2) Contact a real estate attorney; (3) Freeze your credit until you know more.



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Healthy Chipotle Potato Salad

INGREDIENTS

- Salt and pepper
- 3 pounds (8 to 10) medium red potatoes, scrubbed
- ½ cup Greek yogurt or mayo
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped chipotles in adobo
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 cup cooked corn kernels
- ¼ cup cilantro
- 1 cup jicama
- ¼ cup minced or sliced red onion

This Mexican twist on potato salad is sure to add extra flavor to your Fourth of July picnic! (Serves 6)

DIRECTIONS

Boil potatoes until soft then cut into chunks.

In a large bowl, combine Greek yogurt, chipotles, lime juice, cilantro, jicama, red onion and corn. Add potatoes and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper.

For extra boldness add a sprinkle of red chili flakes and smoked paprika.

