

New Year's Resolutions for a Cyber Secure 2021

We promise you do not have to go on a diet or hit the gym

Every New Year, we all make resolutions to accomplish a personal goal, change an unwanted habit, or take up an activity that will improve our lives. Most of us give up on our diet or going to the gym by the end of January, if not sooner. At the Cyber Readiness Institute (CRI), we propose a set of resolutions that won't cut sugar out of your diet or have you training to run a marathon. Our resolutions involve changing your behavior by taking simple steps to make you, your family and friends, and your organizations more cyber secure.

As we look toward the year ahead and the continued increase in online activities, cybersecurity will be more important than ever. Here are resolutions for 2021 that you can keep.

Cyber Ready New Year's Resolution

"This year I'm going to change my behavior and..."

- 1 Stop using the same password for business and personal accounts.
- 2 Use 15-character passphrases. "My_favorite_restaurant_is..."
- 3 Use two-factor authentication when available.
- 4 Set all my software to automatically update.
- 5 Throw away my USB drives and move to the cloud for file storage.
- 6 Confirm the sender before clicking on unknown and potentially suspicious links received via text or email.

What is your **#cyberresolution**? Drop us a GIF or just let us know on Twitter **@Cyber_Readiness!**

About the Cyber Readiness Institute

The Cyber Readiness Institute is a non-profit initiative that convenes business leaders from across sectors and geographic regions to share resources and knowledge that inform the development of free cybersecurity tools for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Explore the building blocks of good cybersecurity with our Starter Kit or create a cyber readiness culture in your organization with the self-guided, online Cyber Readiness Program. Our Remote Work Resources and Hybrid Workplace Guides offer timely tips for addressing the evolving cyber challenges of today. To find out more, visit www.BeCyberReady.com