

Time for the Talk

HOW TO
discuss **cyber**
readiness with
your employees

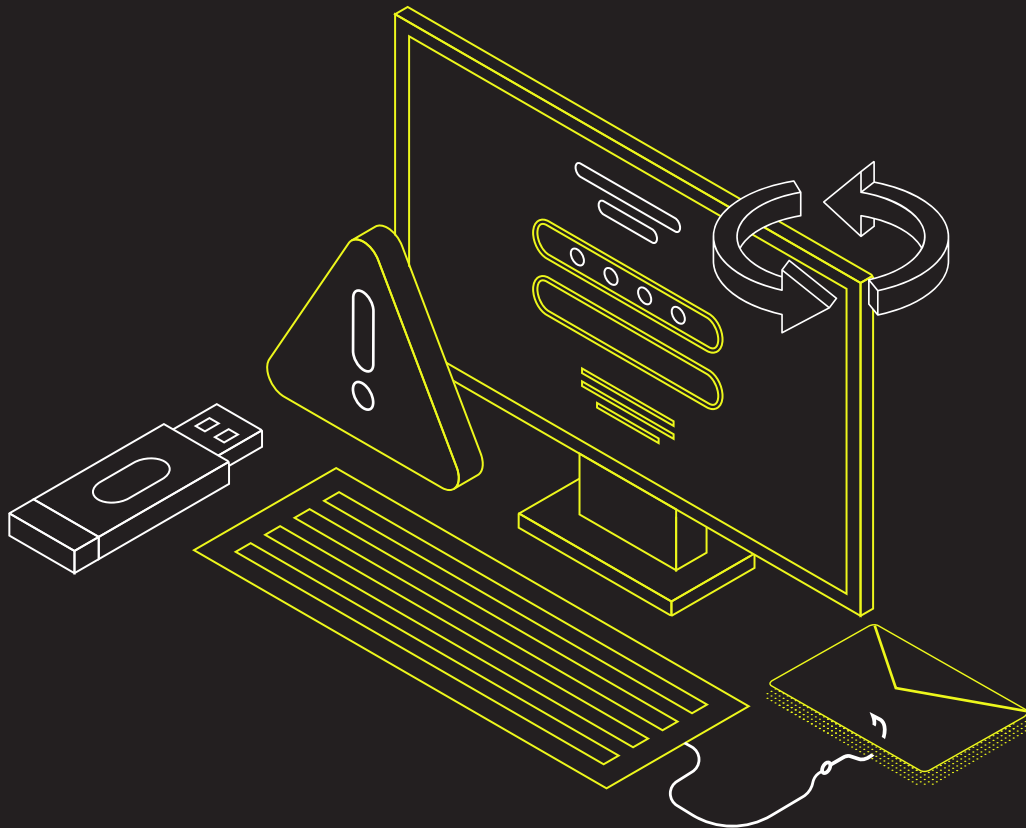


It's important to take cyber readiness SERIOUSLY.

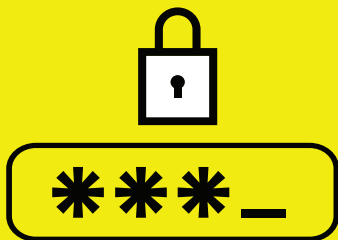
Your businesses' reputation depends on it.

**BUT HOW DO YOU START
A CONVERSATION IF YOU'RE NOT A CYBER EXPERT?**

It doesn't have to be complex or intimidating. Refer to the questions and answers in this document to talk with your employees about cyber risks, protections and good cyber readiness practices.



Passwords

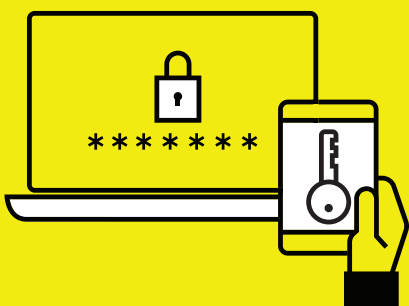
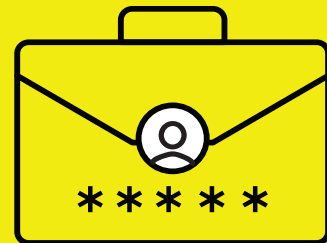


What is the strongest type of password?

The strongest passwords are passphrases: random thoughts that form a sentence. Passphrases should be at least 15 characters in length.

Should you use the same password for business and personal purposes?

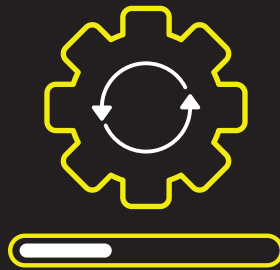
No, do not repeat passwords whenever possible.



What is two-factor authentication?

Two-factor authentication is a way to confirm your identity through your password as well as another method, such as a text message or email. Two-factor authentication is easy to set up and significantly reduces your chances of being hacked.

Updates



What are **updates**?

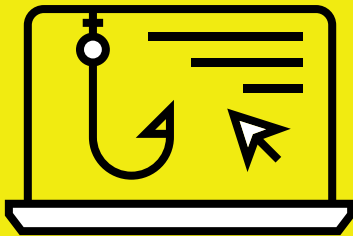
Put simply, “updates” are new versions of the software and applications on your phone and computer. These updates fix problems and improve security. Installing updates is one of the easiest and most critical cyber readiness measures you can take.



How can you **ensure your devices** are updated?

Turn on auto-update notifications and don't ignore the update notifications. Also remember to check third-party applications for updates.

Phishing



What is **phishing**?

Phishing is a cyber attack delivered through a phony email. Phishing attacks attempt to use your account to steal personal data or take over your computer. These attacks are often difficult to detect.

What are **common signs** of a phishing attempt?

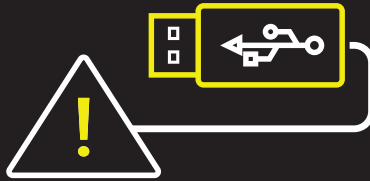
- ✉ Suspicious email address
- 🔗 Emails from strangers that include attachments or links
- ☰ Spelling errors or broken sentences
- 👤 Suspicious emails that ask for personal data



Why is it so important to **be aware** of phishing risks?

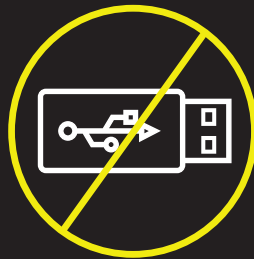
91% of all cyber attacks start with a phishing email.
81% of companies that fall for a phishing attack lose customers.

USBs



What's so bad about **USB drives?**

Over ¼ of malware infections start with an infected USB. What's more, 87% of employees report losing a USB and not telling their employers.



How can you **limit USB attacks?**

Don't use
USB drives unless
approved by your
Cyber Leader

Never use
or accept a USB
from any external
person or company

If used,
USBs should be
routinely checked
for malware

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