

Cybersecurity Newsletter

September 4, 2024

Cybersecurity Awareness Month is an international initiative, celebrated each October, to highlight actions everyone can take to stay safe online. McLennan Community College (MCC) is proud to be a Champion and support this initiative.

Theme: Secure Our World

The theme for Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2024 is “Secure Our World”. Launched in 2023, Secure Our World empowers everyone to understand the simple ways to protect yourself, your family and your business from online threats.

We are increasingly connected through digital tools and more of our sensitive information is online. This convenience comes with risks. Each of us has a part to play in keeping ourselves an:

- Use Strong Passwords and a Password Manager
- Turn on Multifactor Authentication (when possible)
- Update your Software
- Recognize and Report Phishing

Fast Facts

According to the National Cybersecurity Alliance 2023 Oh Behave! Report:

- **84%** of people considered **online safety a priority**.
- Only **38%** of people **use unique passwords** for all their accounts.
- About **1/3** of respondents **began using a password manager** after receiving cyber training.
- **79%** of respondents were **familiar with Multifactor authentication (MFA)**.
 - **70%** of those, know how to use MFA.
- Only **36%** of people always **install software updates** when they become available.
- **69%** of people express **confidence** in their ability to **identify phishing**
 - **51%** of Americans actively **report Cybercrime**, particularly instances of **phishing**

MCC October Events

In celebration of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, MCC will be collaborating with different departments to host events around campus. We will have free giveaways and security tips to stay safe online. Come join us!

MCC Events

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Date	Time	Location	Audience	Topic
Wednesday, 10/2/24	11 am - 1pm	Table outside, Student Life	Students/ Faculty/Staff	Have I been pwned?
Wednesday, 10/16/24	12:15 - 1:30 pm	Learning Commons Workshop, LTC 318 or Zoom: https://mclennan.zoom.us/j/2549998332	Students/ Faculty/Staff	Stay Safe Online
Wednesday, 10/30/24	11 am - 1pm	Table Outside Student Life	Students/ Faculty/Staff	Can you spot the phishing email?

October 1 - 31, 2024- visit the MCC Library to see the CS display or do a CS theme crossword puzzle or word search.

Reminder: Faculty & Staff

- MCC will conduct CS training, at some point during the month of October. Be on the lookout!
- Before purchasing any software, please check with ISS to make sure it is safe and compatible.

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