CYBER SECURITY COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE

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COVID-19 guidance for working securely

! Cyber criminals have always worked from home – be agile and alert.

! Think before you click. Especially on 'helpful' links, apps, emails and texts that look like official COVID-19 communications.

! Don't overshare your business or personal data where you don't need to.

! Know when to take a break. Cyber criminals prey on anxiety and distraction - now more than ever.

KEEP FRONT OF MIND

How to stay cyber secure when working remotely:

- We are moving to an entirely connected and remote workplace – take calculated risks to keep your business safe
- Cyber criminals have always worked from home, are very agile and exploit current events – be aware of COVID-19 related online scams
- More people are reliant on a single home network, with delays inevitable – have a plan in place when you are offline or your device has been compromised
- Business processes are changing (like bank approvals) – have a solid approvals process in place and know your regular suppliers
- Loneliness means more apps are being downloaded and more online meetings and shopping - keep shopping and app downloads on work devices to a minimum

Our advice:

- **Have basic cyber security like anti-virus, backup regularly and always keep your operating systems and programs patched. Patch, patch, patch**
- **Only Use reputable apps and programs – don't use free trials or 'free' anything**
- **Know where your valuable information is at all times**
- **Have key staff & business information in hard copy form available**

Key resources

There are a range of online resources for businesses looking to improve their cyber security posture.

Small business advice from the Australian Government's Australian Cyber Security Centre

Small business advice from the Australian Government's Stay Smart Online program

For startups moving to remote working

Stay across the latest COVID-19 scams

Report it if you've received an SMS or email you think is a scam to Scamwatch to verify what you're seeing is real or malicious.

Austcyber news - Innovative Australian cyber capability supporting remote working

Austcyber news – Cyber security startups and small businesses remote working

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