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## HOW CAN YOU STRENGTHEN YOUR PERSONAL CYBERSECURITY?

Below are some ideas to help protect and safeguard yourself from cyber threats:

- **Keep your software and operating systems updated.** Set your operating system for automatic updates. Turning off computers at night or rebooting promotes installation of updates and cleans out system clutter.
- **Anti-Virus updates.** Run a reputable, American anti-virus product and ensure that antimalware programs are set to check for updates frequently and scan the device on a set schedule.
- **Don't click on links or open attachments.** Many emails or texts from unknown senders contain links that may install malware on your device.
- **Don't reuse the same username and password.** Using the same credentials across multiple websites and applications, a hacker could gain access to multiple accounts more easily.
- **Consider using a password manager.** Apps create unique, complex passwords for you and store them in a secure fashion.
- **Use Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA).** This adds an extra layer to verify your identity for any websites or apps for banking or investment activity, or that has access to your personal data.
- **Avoid using public Wi-Fi hotspots or charging cords.** Others can intercept your communications or deliver malware to your device.
- **Create and save bookmarks.** This ensures you are visiting the correct web address and not a fraudulent site.
- **Use applications with caution.** Only download from a verified app store and only grant the permissions they really need access to – photos, location, camera, contacts, etc.
- **Limit your social media sharing.** The information you share publicly online could be used for fraud schemes.
- **Use a reliable email provider.** These have built-in security features to protect against malware.
- **Shred financial documents before discarding.** These may contain valuable personal information.
- **Monitor your lines of credit.** Checking for any fraudulent or suspicious activity.
- **Consider freezing your credit at the credit bureaus.** If you think your security has been breached, this would prevent your identity being used to establish new lines of credit.

**If you have any questions, or need help securing your financial future please contact us at (877) 514-9477.**

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