

The Importance of BSA's Cyber Chip: Cybersecurity During a Crisis

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Cyber criminals love a crisis. With many more people working remotely, they are undoubtedly poised to capitalize on security flaws, but there are several things you can do to protect yourself, your company, and your family:

- Be on the lookout for phishing emails designed to entice you to click on the latest and greatest offer related to Coronavirus protections, or with urgent instructions from your boss. Their intent is to get you to unwittingly download malware onto your devices and connected systems.
- Make sure your devices are up to date on their anti-virus protection.
- Use multi-factor authentication on any accounts for which it is available.
- Avoid the temptation of using Bluetooth in a public place — it is an easy way for hackers to connect to your device.
- Only work on secure, password-protected internet connections. If you have to use public WiFi, be sure to verify with the owner that the network to which you're connecting is legitimate and secured through a password.
- Avoid accessing any confidential or sensitive information from a public WiFi network.
- And be sure to report any lost or stolen device immediately to minimize the risk of fraud.

The Boy Scouts of America use the **Cyber Chip** program to bring awareness to all of its members. It covers cyberbullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft. Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America has introduced the Cyber Chip. In developing this exciting tool, the BSA teamed up with content expert NetSmartz®, part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children®, and training expert for many law enforcement agencies.

Here is where you and your Scout can take the course:

<https://www.Scouting.org/training/youth-protection/cyber-chip/>

You can also read these articles for more information:

https://filestore.Scouting.org/filestore/youthprotection/pdf/Cybersafety_LO.pdf

https://filestore.Scouting.org/filestore/youthprotection/pdf/Cybersafety_HI.pdf