

Week 1 Theme: Work, Teach and Learn from Anywhere

CYBER
AWARENESS
MONTH

Is Your Home Network Secure?

Review your home network setup

Review your home network setup to ensure you're being as cyber secure as possible.

- Do you have a strong password, or better yet, a passphrase, set on your Wi-Fi router?
- Is your router centralized in your home or is it close to the external walls and windows in your home allowing for the signal to be broadcast further than is needed?
- Is WPA2 encryption setup for your Wi-Fi connections?
- Is the firmware on your router up to date?

Like any computing device, keeping the router up to date with the latest security releases is an important step in ensuring we are doing all we can to stay cyber secure. Here are some helpful links about securing your home network environments.

[Three ways to stay cyber secure \(while working from home\)](#)

[Protect Your Private Network](#)

[Securing Your Network Router](#)



Remember:

Every router is different. If unsure how to make it secure, visit the manufacturer's website or contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) if the router was provided by your ISP.



What you need to know

With a shift to remote work, learning and teaching we are facing both new and familiar challenges. Cyber criminals are always looking for ways to take advantage of security vulnerabilities. **It is important to keep your home cyber secure** to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of cyber attacks.

All Canadians are vulnerable to cyber attacks in which they may lose their identifying or personal information and/or suffer a financial loss.

And while teleworking, remote learning and remote teaching it is your own personal information, and information you have access to (e.g. school information, student information) that is at risk.

