

# A Simple-to-Follow Cybersecurity Checklist



October is cybersecurity awareness month – you need to take a proactive approach to keeping your business AND your home safe all around the year. We've compiled a simple-to-follow cybersecurity checklist to help you do exactly that.

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>Take a moment to review all of the accounts you've started over the years.</b> Go into each account and delete the account this month.	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>Go through your household and find every device that connects to the internet.</b> Now check the security settings and make sure the software is up-to-date.	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Review all of the accounts you left open a couple of months ago.</b> It's time to change the passwords on each and every account.	
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>It's tax-time!</b> It's a great time to talk to your family members about the threat of ransomware. Remind your family members to always call IRS if they're not sure.	
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Take a look at any security software you have installed on the devices within your home.</b> Find the right anti-virus programs and make a point to run them regularly.	
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Upgrade to the latest version of any operating system used within your home</b> An outdated, unsupported operating system will be exploited by cybercriminals.	
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Talk to your children about social media and the internet.</b> make sure you check their privacy settings and talk about the dangers of posting sensitive information.	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>Watch out for accessing work-related information from home devices.</b> Use organization-owned devices for work, even if you're at home.	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>Invest in a password management system.</b> This way, you're able to take advantage of strong, hard-to-guess passwords without forgetting them.	
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>It's Cybersecurity Awareness Month!</b> Dedicate at least an hour to undergoing a cybersecurity course that teaches you about the latest threats and how to avoid them.	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Be aware of the dangers of public Wi-Fi.</b> If you're traveling for the upcoming holiday season, be careful what websites you visit while using public Wi-Fi.	
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>It's the end of the year!</b> It's a great time to perform a full backup of all your information. Make sure you're backing it up to a secure storage solution before the year is over.	

*We hope this helps you feel more prepared for the rise of cybercrime.*

As always, stay safe and have a great year! If we can help, call (239) 572-9462 or email us at [info@pulse.tech](mailto:info@pulse.tech).