

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

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Every year since 2003, October has been recognized as **National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM)**. This effort was brought to life through a collaboration between the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#) and the [National Cyber Security Alliance](#). NCSAM was created to ensure that every individual stays safe and secure online.

More and more, Americans are using new technologies and spending more time online. Our growing dependence on technology, coupled with the increasing threat of cyber attacks, demands greater security in our online world. This presents the need for simple, easy-to-understand resources and tips to help ensure safety and security.

Throughout the month of October, the *Massachusetts Division of Banks (DOB)* will be sharing the below chapters of our *Consumer Cybersecurity Awareness Program*:

Chapter 1: Watch out for Fraudulent QR Codes

Chapter 2: Phishing Attack Prevention

Chapter 3: Protecting Against Malicious Code

Chapter 4: Preventing & Responding to Identity Theft

In addition, the [STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign](#) is a national public awareness effort striving to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empower the American public to be safer and more secure online. It encourages Americans to view Internet safety as a shared responsibility—at home, in the workplace, and in our communities.

[STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™](#) is part of an unprecedented effort among federal and state governments, industry, and non-profit organizations to promote safe online behavior and practices. It is a unique public-private partnership,

Lastly, [MassCyberCenter's Cyber Resilient Massachusetts Municipality Sub-working Group \(CRMWG\)](#) has developed a [toolkit](#) to help municipal leaders begin to understand the cybersecurity posture of their municipality and figure out next steps for protecting municipal infrastructure against cyber threats. The [toolkit](#) includes a section entitled [Cybersecurity and Life's Work at Home](#).

The intent is to provide guidance and action steps necessary to get the conversation started around cybersecurity preparedness and ultimately protect municipal infrastructure against cyber threats before they occur.

Sources:

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