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The Division of Banks seeks to ensure the safety of financial institutions and consumers by recognizing National Cyber Security Awareness Month and the implementation of the Cybersecurity Assessment Tool. Financial institutions and businesses are not the only ones susceptible to cyber-attacks, the everyday consumer may also be targets of a cyber-attack. Best practices such as increasing the randomness of passwords, creating passphrases instead of passwords and using numbers and special character passwords may increase consumer cyber security. We encourage consumers to utilize the below resources in increasing individual cyber security.

Resources:

- [FFIEC Cybersecurity Awareness Initiative](#)
- [Stop.Think.Connect. Department of Homeland Security Cyber Security Awareness Campaign](#)
- [National Cyber Security Alliance Stay Safe Online](#)
- [Division of Banks Industry Letter on FFIEC Cyber Security Tool \(September 30, 2015\)](#)