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The complexity and dangers of life in the cyber world...is your security up to date?

Everyday most North Americans are online exposing their life and information to the world. These days the internet can be a marvelous tool or a complete nightmare. The main issue is that the internet is highly unregulated, global, and faceless. You do not know the true identity of the individual or the party you are contacting. Firewalls are one of the ways to protect yourself from cyber-attacks.

What is a firewall?

A firewall is a network security system that controls the incoming and outgoing network traffic based on an applied set of rules. A firewall establishes a barrier between a trusted, secure internal network and another network (e.g. the internet) that is not assumed to be secured or trusted.

Therefore it is essential to have sophisticated strategies to protect yourself:

1. Use the best firewall available

Here are some software programs you may consider:

- Norton 360
- McAfee (often included with hardware purchase)
- Barracuda firewall

Norton 360

Norton 360 is an easy way to protect your computer. This program is one of the most popular firewalls which can be downloaded and updated on





an hourly basis. Your computer can be scanned for viruses and your system will be updated with live virus updates. This software is very cost effective, easy to use, and licenses can be purchased for several computers.

Norton
by Symantec

McAfee

McAfee is also a very good choice and is very similar to Norton 360. It offers a wide spectrum of safety features. This is also an easy software to access and is often included with hardware purchases.

Barracuda

This firewall can protect your small business without sacrificing network performance. Barracuda is a cost effective way to protect your small business and can also be used in larger companies.

With the increasing use of mobile devices, social networks, cloud-based applications, and intrusions; securing your vital assets is critical. Besides deliberate outside attacks, your own employees may unwittingly threaten your network by opening e-mail born viruses.

2. Ensure your security settings on social networks are high and up to date.

Facebook

Social networks such as "Facebook" have security settings that prevent individuals from accessing your information. Do not share too much private information as it may be used to steal your identity.



LinkedIn

Only accept invitations from associates you know. Do a complete due diligence check before accepting someone's invitation.

3. Be cautious of online purchases

Always buy from recognized portals such as www.amazon.ca.

4. Money wires

Do not wire money through private carriers unless there isn't another option available. Your bank is a safer way to transfer money than private companies such as Money Gram, Western Union, or Money Mart. Criminals may contact you under false pretenses and may ask you for money.

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Dating sites are particularly bad for individuals requesting money to be sent.

5. Websites

Verify the authenticity of a website by phone whenever possible.

These preventative measures will not ensure complete safety and you must always stay alert and monitor your online presence carefully.