

# FMFCU's SECURITY NEWSLETTER



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## No Tricks, Just Tips!

### OCTOBER IS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Staying secure online doesn't have to be scary!

Protect your identity and accounts with these **four simple habits**:



#### Use strong, unique passwords

Avoid reusing passwords across accounts. The longer and more complex, the harder they are to guess.



#### Turn on multi-factor authentication (MFA)

An extra layer of security, even if your password is stolen.



#### Keep your devices updated

Regularly make sure your devices are running the latest software.



#### Think before you click

Pause before opening suspicious links or attachments, and report any potential scams.



### Don't Let Scams Spook You!

Cybercriminals thrive in disguise, making scams look legitimate at first glance. **Pausing to recognize red flags is the first step in protecting yourself from these harmful tricks.**

**LATEST TRENDING SCAMS:** Imposter Scams (such as financial institution or government), AI-Powered Scams, Employment Scams

#### RED FLAGS TO WATCH FOR

- ▶ **Urgent or threatening messages** – Pressure to act right away, often with warning of security issues, account problems, or missed payments.
- ▶ **Requests for personal information** – Asking for passwords, Social Security numbers, or payment via gift cards or unusual methods.
- ▶ **Suspicious links or attachments** – Unexpected links or files may install malware or steal your information.
- ▶ **Poor spelling, grammar, or unusual formatting** – Legitimate companies send polished communications; errors can be warning signs of a scam.

**FMFCU Tip:** When in doubt, always verify — go to the official website and contact the company directly. *Unless you're certain, never click into links or share personal information.*

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