











# The Weekly Cybersecurity Bulletin

Newsletter by Chazz Kibler

#### **Protect Your Passwords**



Check out this fun video from Adobe and the National Cybersecurity Alliance about password protection. If implemented, the key points mentioned in the video can dramatically reduce the risk of compromised data.



#### Cybersecurity Tip of the Week



No matter the account, all passwords should be created with these 3 words in mind:

- Long (12+ characters passphrases or short sentences may work best)
- Unique (never reuse passwords)
- Complex (a combination of upper and lower case letters, spaces, numbers, and special characters).

**Quarter 4 Security Awareness** 

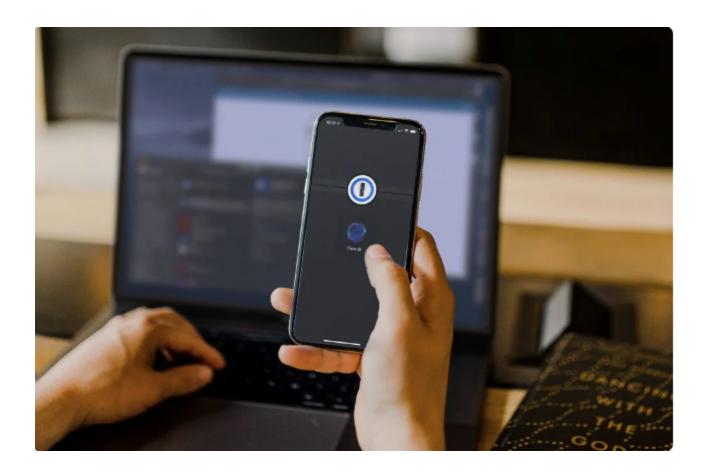
#### **Train to Maintain**



It's that time again for Security Awareness Training. The quarterly training focuses on NCSAM topics such as phishing, malware, MFA, and password security.

DoIT may not be able to give you the answers to the tests, but we can give you our appreciation for taking the time to raise your awareness of the latest policies and best practices on information security.

### **Reading Recommendations**



## What's My Password Again?

The answer is yes, you need a password manager. Check out this article on the best password managers for 2023.

Read more

## Cybersecurity Tips in the Palm of Your Hand







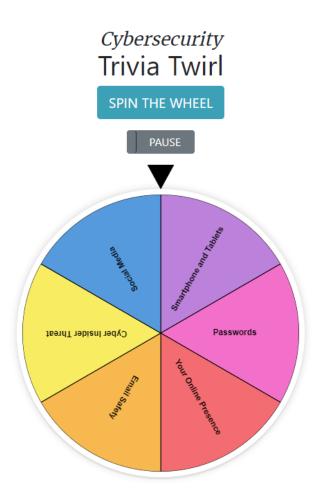


If you ever find yourself at DoIT's HQ at 100 Community Place in Crownsville, Maryland, this month, please help yourself with the reading materials in the lobby. The handouts contain excellent advice on recognizing and evading scams, reacting to data breaches, and more. Take some content for yourself and a friend.

Also, thanks to the Federal Trade Commission, these publications are free for the American consumer to order and share with their community. Save yourself a trip to Crownsville and order some items for your office today!

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# **Cybersecurity Trivia Twirl**



Step right up and give the trivia wheel a twirl. Depending on where the wheel lands, your knowledge will be tested on topics ranging from social media, passwords, email safety, and more.

Ready to Play?

**Upcoming Events** 



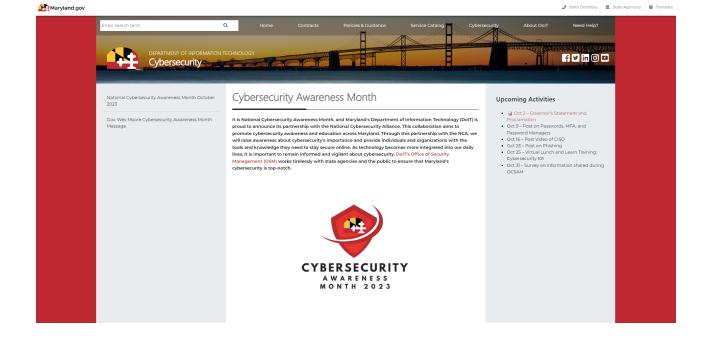
This Chat will feature 2023's key messaging, including advice around passwords and password managers, multi-factor authentication, software updates and phishing. Participants are invited to share practical steps individuals can take to better secure themselves, their families and their workplaces! Join the chat to feature your organization's educational information and resources.

Hashtag: #CyberChat

Moderator: @StaySafeOnline

Learn More

**Maryland State Security Awareness Portal** 



## Stay in the Cyber-Loop All Month Long

If you haven't done so already, stop by our Maryland State Security Awareness Portal to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings regarding National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Stop on By



#### **Your Input Matters**

#### **Comments for Chazz**

Do you have some questions, suggestions, or content for the newsletter? If you do, I would love to hear from you. Feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:chazz.kibler@maryland.gov">chazz.kibler@maryland.gov</a>

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