CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

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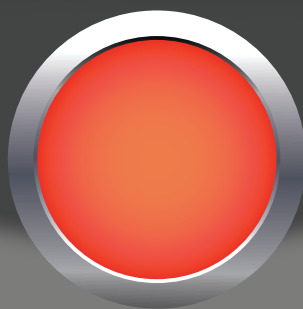
October is <u>National Cyber Security Awareness Month</u>. Keep an eye out each week for tips on how to stay safe from Cyber Crime!

Make sure you always log off public computers before leaving, even the ones in the C-595 lab. That includes websites and social media pages.

NEVER open suspicous looking emails from shady senders. And **PLEASE** don't click on any attachments or links! Seriously... just don't!

Remember while on campus, you can always connect to Wi-Fi ("Hostos Wireless") on your personal devices by using your Hostos username and password.

When you bring your personal devices to school, make sure you **NEVER** leave them unattended. It doesn't take much for your personal information to be compromised. Make sure they stay locked with a strong password.

HOSTOS STUDENTS...

You are just as responsible as your professors or Hostos staff for practicing cyber security and we want to make sure you're in the know whether you're on or off campus!

MOBILE SECURITY

...because your smart phone needs protecting too!

Secure your device. Use a strong password and touch ID features to lock your smartphone and protect your information in case of loss or theft.

Limit your activities on public Wi-Fi. Public wireless networks and hotspots are not secure which means someone could potentially see what you're doing while you're connected. You should **NEVER** log into key accounts or do any online shopping while connected to public Wi-Fi.

Keep your devices clear and up to date. Delete any unused apps and make sure all apps and software are up-to-date. Having the latest security software is your best defense against online threats.

PASSWORDS

Practicing good password management is the key to increasing your protection against cyber threats.

The longer, the better. Your passwords should be at least 8 letters but the more characters you use, the stronger it will be. Try for a phrase that's easy for you to remember but hard for others to guess. **And remember, keep it to yourself!**

Mix it up! Use a combo of **UPPER** and **lowercase** letters, **symbols (&*@^)** and **numbers (1234)** in your passwords. The greater the variety, the better!

Different accounts, different passwords. Make sure you have different passwords for all of your accounts. If remembering is hard for you, download a secure app to help store and manage your passwords like **LastPass*, available on the App Store and Google Play**.

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