

# October 2023: 20th Annual Cybersecurity Awareness Month

What comes to mind when you hear the word, safety? Probably topics like eye or hearing protection, fire drills and emergency procedures, and office ergonomics. But, what about digital safety and your online presence? Cybersecurity Awareness Month brings the Government, tribal communities, and private sectors together for one goal – raising awareness about protecting your personal data against online crime. This year, Cybersecurity Awareness Month focuses on four behaviors.



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- Multifactor authentication requires a user to verify their identity using two or more different credentials.
- Updated software ensures the user has the latest security patches – your workplace usually installs these automatically for you.
- Stop! Double check who sent an email or confirm where it came from before clicking on unknown links.
- Change passwords regularly and use a combination of symbols, numbers, and letters – **don't** use the same password in multiple locations.

For more information about staying safe online, check out CISA (<https://www.cisa.gov/>) and the National Cybersecurity Alliance (<https://staysafeonline.org/>).

For additional information on the SMCX's services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <https://www.smscx.org/>.