

DID YOU KNOW? OCTOBER IS CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH



“For every lock, there is someone out there trying to pick it or break in” - David Bernstein

A proposed bill in Congress would provide tax credits for companies purchasing cyber insurance. The bill, known as the [*Data Breach Insurance Act*](#), requires cyber insurance purchasers seeking the tax credit to implement and maintain cyber security standards.

The bill is intended to spur development in the cyber market, and to motivate businesses to adopt best practices for cyber security.

In recent weeks, cyber breaches have dominated the headlines. The effects, both short-term and long-term, can be costly and damaging. Protecting the consumer’s identity should be at the forefront of every organization’s mission.

HOW CAN I PREVENT A CYBER ATTACK¹

1. Do not give out personal information over the phone or in an email unless you are sure of the sender.
2. Set secure passwords and do not share them with anyone.
3. Pay very close attention to the URL of websites. Check the spelling in a different domain if you are unsure.
4. Do your best to maintain up-to-date antivirus software, operating systems, and browser.
5. Use caution of unknown links sent through a text message or email.

For more information and other solutions from Marsh & McLennan Agency, visit marshmclennanagency.com, or contact your local representative.

¹ Department of Homeland Security-<https://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/protect-myself-cyber-attacks>

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