HOLIDAYS:

It's the most wonderful time of the year for cyber criminals

Beat the bad guys with our top tips for staying cybersafe this holiday season.



Do not click on suspicious links.

If you received an offer that's too good to be true or requires you to act with urgency, pause first before taking action. When in doubt, call the company or the person that sent you the link to verify the authenticity of the offer.

Recognise fake websites.

Cyber criminals can pose as official resellers of certain products and can imitate the websites of legitimate companies. Be sure to check before you type in your credit card or any other personal information on the site.

Activate Multi-Factor Authentication.

MFA is a great way to validate someone's identity. When a hacker tries to get into your account, MFA will trigger a secondary way to authenticate the user by sending a code to your nominated device or account.



Limit connecting to public Wi-Fi's.

Use trusted networks only to connect online. If you must connect to a public Wi-Fi, check first with the establishment or provider that you are going to use the correct network.

Use just one card for your holiday purchases.

If you can, use only one credit card or bank account for your online purchases. That way, you can check on a single bill each month and easily spot suspicious charges against your account.



Back up your files.

In the event that your account gets compromised, having backups will enable you to recover your important files.

For more cybersecurity tips, visit www.pa.com.au or call 1800 126 499.

