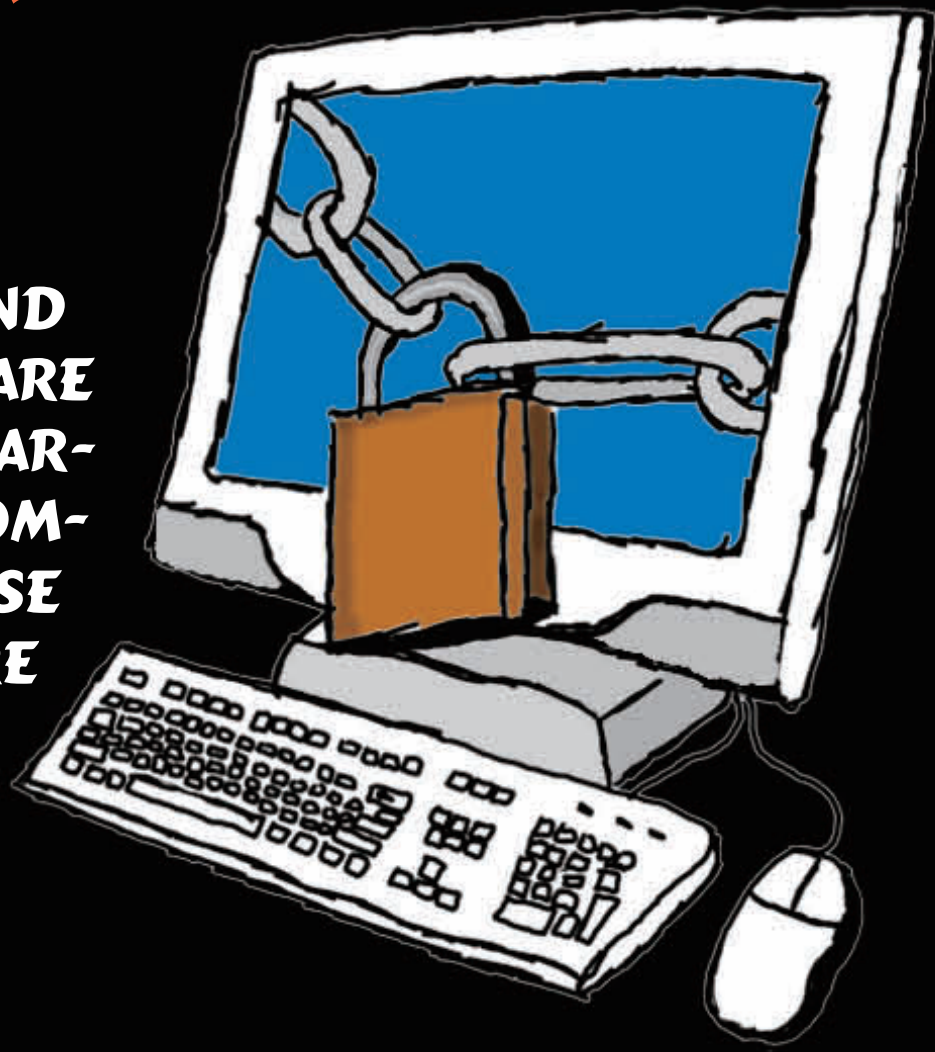# STAY CYBER-SAFE

KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE ONLINE WITH THESE SIMPLE TIPS FROM THE STAY SMART ONLINE WEBSITE

1

INSTALL SECURITY SOFTWARE AND UPDATE IT REGULARLY

UP TO DATE ANTI-VIRUS AND FIREWALL SECURITY SOFTWARE PROGRAMS CAN ACT AS A BARRIER TO PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER FROM ATTACK. THESE ARE EASY TO USE AND ARE OFTEN FREE.

2

TURN ON AUTROMATIC UPDATES SO YOUR SOFTWARE RECIEVES THE LATEST FIXES

WITHOUT THE LATEST UPDATES, YOUR SECURITY SOFTWARE MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST NEW THREATS CREATED AFTER YOU LAST UPDATED IT. TURNING ON AUTOMATIC UPDATES MEANS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT DOING IT YOURSELF

3

GET A STRONGER PASSWORD AND CHANGE IT AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR

MAKING STRONGER PASSWORDS REDUCES THE CHANCE OF YOUR ACCOUNTS BEING HACKED INTO.

CHANGING YOUR PASSWORD REGULARLY DECREASES THE CHANCE THAT SOMEONE COULD STTUMBLE ACCROSS AN OLD PASSWORD AND USE IT TO LOG INTO YOUR ACCOUNTS WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

4

STOP AND THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK ON A LINK OR ATTACHMENT

LINKS AND ATTACHMENTS CAN CONTAIN VIRUSES AND SPYWARE THAT INFECT YOUR COMPUTER AND CAN READ ALL OF YOUR INFORMATION, THE PASSWORDS YOU USE AND YOUR BANKING DETAILS

5

STOP AND THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE ANY PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL DETAILS - ABOUT YOURSELF OR YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

PUTTING YOUR PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL DETAILS ONLINE CAN LEAVE YOU OPEN TO ATTACK – EITHER FROM HACKERS TRANSFERING THE MONEY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNTS OR CREDIT CARD, OR IDENTITY THEFT. YOU MUST ALSO BE CAREFUL NOT TO POST INFORMATION THAT COULD AFFECT YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS IN A SIMILAR WAY.

6

KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ONLINE

MAKE SURE THEY KNOW TO STAY SAFE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS