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Week 1: October 3rd through October 7th

STOP.THINK.CONNECT.: The Basic Steps to Online Safety and Security

Staying safer and more secure online starts with STOP.THINK.CONNECT. – the simple, actionable advice anyone can follow.

STOP.: make sure security measures are in place.

THINK.: about the consequences of your actions and behaviors online.

CONNECT.: and enjoy the internet.

Whether banking, shopping, social networking, tracking our health or downloading the latest app, in today's interconnected world, practicing good cybersecurity is critical. All digital citizens must learn to stay safer and more secure in their ever-expanding digital lives, including by preventing and responding to identity theft and scams, ensuring that home networks are secure, managing the security of mobile devices and teaching children to use the Internet safely, securely and responsibly.

Below are some links to helpful tips and information that can help keep you safe online:

[General Tips and Advice:](#)

- Keep a clean machine
- Protect your personal information
- Connect with care
- Be Web Wise
- Be a good Online Citizen
- Own your online presence

[Digital Spring Cleaning Checklist](#)

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