October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month!

September 2017

2017 marks the 14th year of National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). The goal of NCSAM – celebrated every October – is to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity and ensure that all Americans have the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online.

**Our Shared Responsibility**
This year’s NCSAM theme is “Our Shared Responsibility”.

We lead internet-connected, digital lives. We work, learn and play online. Even when we are not directly connected to the internet, our critical infrastructure is – the vast, worldwide connection of computers, data and websites that supports our everyday lives.

No individual, business or government entity is solely responsible for securing the internet. Everyone has a role in securing their part of cyberspace, including the devices and networks they use.

Now more than ever, the internet is a shared resource and securing it is Our Shared Responsibility.

At the University of California, we have the added responsibility of ensuring that the information and systems that we use to carry out our mission of teaching, research and public service are safeguarded. Technological protections alone are not always enough. All members of the UC community have a personal obligation to safeguard UC’s information and cyber resources, including their own.

**Cybersecurity Awareness Resources at UC**
In support of NCSAM, a systemwide workgroup at the University of California has developed and compiled a variety of resources designed to support the university community in promoting cybersecurity awareness. These include posters, video shorts, outreach presentations, tips and factsheets, ideas for getting awareness messages out to their intended audiences, and more. The UC IT Blog will also run a series of cybersecurity-related articles and spotlights throughout the month of October. Check out this NCSAM “Toolkit” at ucal.uc/ncsam.

Additional cybersecurity awareness information, resources, and contacts are also available on UC’s Information Security Awareness website: https://security.ucop.edu/resources/security-awareness/index.html

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Information about the national NCSAM campaign is available at https://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/about/.

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