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## 6 Cybersecurity Must Do's

When protecting your computer, there are some basic must-do's essential for protecting your data and system. Here are six critical steps for establishing cybersecurity.

1. **Think before you click.** Malicious links are everywhere, and just one click can damage, lock up, or even kill your computer.
2. **Authenticate twice.** Many websites today offer two-factor authentication. Use it! Don't let hackers easily surf right into your computer because of only one barrier. Use strong passwords that are letter, number, and symbol combinations.
3. **Watch out for fishing emails.** Each day there are, on average, over 3 billion fake emails sent. Some may appear to come from someone you have done business with or a friend. Do not open them. Throw away emails from unfamiliar senders or grammatical errors.
4. **Stay up to date.** Keep your software up to date to avoid malware and a corrupted computer.
5. **Connect via a secure network.** It is tempting to connect to the closest Wi-Fi network. However, avoid it. Only private networks can ensure a level of safety for your personal information.
6. **Back-up your data.** Sometimes malicious threats and hackers want to steal your data, and others may be trying to encrypt or erase it. Back it up is your ultimate recovery tool.

Also, keep in mind no one is immune. Cybercriminals do not discriminate. Be proactive, not reactive, to ensure your computer is safe from cybersecurity threats.

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