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# Cyberattacks – Six Tips to Stay Safe at Home and in the Office

*There has been an increased wave of cyberattacks worldwide. We hear about them almost every day.*

*LPL's Technology organization routinely scans the environment for vulnerabilities, monitors alerts from key security vendors, and applies patches when needed. The importance of protecting your home and office from these attacks cannot be emphasized enough. A heightened sense of cyber security can help keep your data safe.*

**Use the following tips to help secure your home equipment:**

- 1) Always change the names and passwords of Wi-Fi routers out of the box, or from an internet provider. Create a strong and unique name and password, as opposed to 'Linksys, ATT123, etc.'
- 2) Use these password tips to create a strong password. Keep passwords safe and never share:
  - Begin with a name or phrase you will remember – hannah
  - Add uppercase letters, numbers, and special characters – haNNah0713!:) )
  - Consider using a passphrase – haNNah0713!montana!Sawesom3
- 3) Use WPA or WPA2, not WEP, when setting up Wi-Fi. These offerings are more secure.
- 4) Install anti-virus software and turn on firewalls. Often times these are free and included.
- 5) Be sure to update all equipment and devices to the latest version of security patches.
- 6) As a reminder, **don't open unknown email links or attachments**. Be wary of phone calls where scammers attempt to gain access to your computer, and never share your username or password.

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