



5 Tips to Protect Yourself While Working from Home

- **Use a dedicated computer for work when possible**
 - Do not let the kids use your work computer.
 - You may need to manually install patches and updates.
 - Make sure your antivirus is up to date.
- **Be aware**
 - Bad guys use many tools to trick you into giving them access.
 - Do not click on links in emails from unknown senders.
 - Be wary of phishing attempts.
 - Remember bad guys use text messages too.
 - If someone calls you on the phone, claiming to be from tech support or accounting etc., never give out information to unknown persons.
- **Never use public access points without proper encryption**
 - You never know who is watching. Planting a legitimate looking access point is a technique used to spy on unaware wireless users.
- **Check your home Wi-Fi router**
 - Make sure an original password has been set; do not use factory default.
 - Make sure you update your wireless routers' firmware for security updates.
- **Passwords in general**
 - Change your password today, and change it often; never use the same password for all your accounts.
 - There are many great password manager programs out there. Use one.
 - Change your mentality. Turn passwords into pass phrases. It is easier for the brain to recall sentences rather than a complex password.

