Family Cybersecurity Checks

Cybersecurity or information security policies should apply to all people you know: family, friends, co-workers and more. *Ensure everyone you know is conversant with a basic security understanding, so your own family isn't your downfall.

Make Sure Everyone Understands

"If it is too good to be true, it is." What a strong Password (Passphrase!) is. What and how Phishing works. How WiFi can be used to hack you. How Social Hacking works. How to notice your computer acting strangely. How Photos have META data that can be used to track you. How microphones on phones can be used to track you. Never download a document or update from a website without scanning it. How to scan USB drives when attaching to your computer. What 2-factor authentication is, and how to use it. How ATMs can have skimmers. Make Sure You Check Reset weak passwords – consider using passphrases because longer is better; start using a password manager app (Last Pass, Dashlane, 1Password, SplashID, RoboForm, KeePass). Check your work and personal email here: https://haveibeenpwned.com Take a phishing quiz: https://kaspersky.com/blog/black-friday-scam-quiz/13485 Be sure you have top-notch (Symantec, McAfee, Kaspersky, Trend, Sophos, BitDefender) paid-for anti-virus. Set up a Guest WiFi network in your home. Back up continuously to protect against ransomware (try BackBlaze, iDrive or a competitor reviewed by PC Mag or CSO Online).