

Ways to Protect Yourself from Cyber-Crime

PREVENTION

Strong Passwords



- Include numbers, symbols, and letters in passwords.
- Change regularly, do not reuse, share, or auto-save.
- Use unique words for login.

Secure Wi-Fi Network



- Use unique words for login.
- Avoid unsecure access to public Wi-Fi networks.
- Use a virtual private network (VPN) vs a public network.

Telephone Call Caution



- Avoid divulging any banking or personal information to a caller.
- Do not answer "can you hear me".
- Disable all "smart home" devices when discussing confidential matters.

Multi-Factor Authorization



- Use security questions, text verification, PINS, fingerprint or facial recognition.
- Enable two-factor authentication for email, social media, financial accounts.

Safe Surfing



- Open emails, attachments and links from those you know.
- Hover over any links to verify.
- Pay attention to website's URL.

Question All Communications



- Question unsolicited phone, mail, text, or email.
- Never click an attachment or link from unsolicited email or text.
- Hover over any links to verify network.

DETECTION

Account Review



- Open credit card bills and bank statements right away.
- Check charges and withdrawals and report immediately.

Review Your Credit Report



- Obtain your credit report annually.
- Review for any discrepancies.

REACTION

Identity Theft



- Contact one of three credit bureaus to report and freeze.
- File report with local law enforcement agency and IRS.
- Contact your Advisor.

If you have questions do not hesitate to reach out to your Edge advisor.

