



Browsing securely

While using the internet, look at the top of the browser. Stay on websites that are secure and safe. This can be indicated by the web address beginning with 'https' as opposed to 'http'. In addition, a padlock icon next to the URL indicates a secure connection.



Recognising social engineering

Cyber-criminals have become adept at imitating parties who appear trustworthy, such as a family member or colleague. Analyse email addresses and messages for discrepancies and typos. Avoid opening attachments or clicking on links provided by unknown parties.



Each year, organisations around the world come together to celebrate Safer Internet Day. This initiative was started in 2004 with the goal of making the internet a safe place for all users.

In the years since Safer Internet Day's inception, the internet has become an indispensable part of daily life. For families, government bodies, small businesses and large corporations, the use of online products and programs is commonplace.

But, as the helpful tools and conveniences of the internet have increased, so too have the threats. Cyber-attacks are a constant risk for organisations. With that in mind, employers should recognise and celebrate Safer Internet Day by talking to their employees about the following internet precautions:



Ignoring fake offers

Pop-up ads and spam email messages can be more than just nuisances. These cyber-threats may disguise themselves as offers of vacations or other prizes and should never be clicked on.



Avoiding unsecured Wi-Fi

It is important to only utilise trusted and secure networks. The use of public or unsecured Wi-Fi can make it possible for cyber-criminals to intercept data and steal sensitive information.

For more information on internet safety and Safer Internet Day, contact us today.

