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## Take the CIS Cyber Security Pledge!

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October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month!

In recognition of October Cyber Security Awareness Month, the Center for Internet Security has launched a National Cyber Security Pledge for the month of October.

By signing the National Cyber Security Pledge, you are affirming that you will take cyber security seriously and use safe computing practices both at home and at work.

### National Cyber Pledge

#### I will:

- take personal responsibility for security and use good security practices
- pause and think about the risks before I connect to the Internet
- lock my computer or laptop when unattended
- protect my mobile device by activating security features such as using a password and anti-lock, anti-virus software, and remote wipe
- use strong passwords and create a separate one for each account
- never share my password
- follow my organization's policy and promptly report all security incidents or concerns to my organization's security and/or IT office
- safeguard sensitive data from any inappropriate disclosure
- never post personal, sensitive, or non-public information on social media
- never participate in any cyber bullying activities
- raise awareness of good security practices among my family, friends, colleagues, and community

Please join thousands of other individuals across the country that are taking the pledge and asserting their commitment to online safety by visiting: [www.cisecurity.org](http://www.cisecurity.org).

After you sign the pledge, please encourage your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to do the same! If we each pledge to do our part to make our piece of cyber space just a little bit more secure, we can truly make a difference in helping protect our nation's cyber assets.

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