



The Advisor Advocate

Cybersecurity for Advisors

October is [National Cybersecurity Awareness](#) month! As advisors, it's important to be cyber-aware. Academic advisors are stewards of sensitive student information, and can remind and educate advisees about good cybersecurity practices. This is increasingly important as more aspects of our lives have shifted online. IT Services is a great resource for all things cybersecurity and will be [posting weekly tips this month](#).



Working Remotely

- ✓ Keep your software updated
- ✓ Make sure your home computer is installed with anti-malware software
- ✓ Use secure connections like VPN and remote desktop
- ✓ Secure your [zoom meeting settings](#)

[More info on personal security](#)



Protect Personal Information

- ✓ Keep [Personally Identifiable Information \(PII\)](#) [secure!](#)
- ✓ Use secure password practices by making unique, complex passwords
- ✓ Never share your password
- ✓ Store securely - PII should never be stored on a personal computer or devices

[More info on protecting privacy](#)



Look out for Phishing and Scams

- ✓ Catch phishing attempts that ask you for your password or contain suspicious links and attachments
- ✓ Look out for text messages asking users to provide personal email addresses or account information
- ✓ Be aware of job scam emails asking you to reply with your personal email or by text
- ✓ Forward any suspicious email to abuse@iup.edu

[More info on phishing](#)



Cybercrime: Millennials & Gen Z

[National Cybersecurity Alliance Study:](#)

Millennials and Gen Z are increasingly reporting being targets of cybercrime. Don't assume because of age that advisees are tech-savvy or utilizing best cybersecurity practices.



Remind advisees to use good password hygiene, keep software updated, and report cybercrimes and cybercrime attempts.

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