

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month Wrap Up

Approximately 2.5 billion online accounts and records were compromised worldwide in 2017. If you do the math, that is around three accounts per each American. As National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) draws to an end, here are some important tips for all of us to remember all year round.

- Cybersecurity begins and ends with you. Be mindful of who is receiving your information and what you are sharing on your devices. Personal information is just as valuable as money. Use caution when asked to share information.
- Much of our nation's infrastructure relies on the internet. By safeguarding our connections and reporting suspicious content, we can do our part in preventing cybercrime and threats to our resources. If you receive a suspicious email, be sure to forward (as an attachment) to junk@office365.microsoft.com. Our [Managing Spam article](#) includes instructions on forwarding emails.
- An easy way to stay safe online is by using a strong password. As a reminder, "Ssnd1234" is not considered a strong password. Not sure if your password is strong? Please review our [passphrase recommendation article](#).

Protecting online data and resources is our shared responsibility. Thank you for joining us in recognizing this important month and we hope you will join us year round as we continue to bring awareness to the importance of information security in our digital lives.