As a young professional, you are more than accustomed to using the Internet in your everyday life, but the risks that come with that use could greatly impact you and your career.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- **Twenty-one percent of all identity theft cases** in 2012 occurred in people ages 20–29.¹
- Only 18 percent of young adults claim they are comfortable with what their friends post about them online, and 32% say that the information about them online is what they choose for the public to see.²
- Sixty-one percent of employers currently use, or plan to use, social media in their recruiting efforts.³
- One in ten people ages 16 to 34 were rejected from a job based on the content of their social media profiles.⁴
- Thirty-three percent of companies have a social media policy in the workplace.⁵

**SIMPLE TIPS**

1. Protect all devices that connect to the Internet: computers, smart phones, gaming systems and other web-enabled devices need protection from viruses and malware.
2. Own your online presence: Set secure privacy settings on social networking websites and think twice about what you are posting and saying online.
3. When banking and shopping, check to be sure the site is security enabled with “https://” or “shttp://.” The “s” stands for secure.
4. Think before you act: Be wary of messages that implore you to act immediately, offer something that sounds too good to be true or ask for personal information.
5. Use your mobile device carefully; emails that can harm your computer can also harm your mobile device.
6. Encourage your colleagues, families and communities to be web wise.

**RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU**

**US-CERT.gov**


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1 Better Business Bureau, 2013
2 Raytheon, commissioned by NCSA, “Preparing Millennials to Lead in Cyberspace”, 2013
3 HireRight 2013 Employment Screening Benchmarking Report
4 On Device Research, 2013
5 Grant Thornton, “Social media risks and rewards”, 2013
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TIP CARD

Justice.gov

OnGuardOnline.gov
This website, run by the Federal Trade Commission, is a one-stop shop for online safety resources available to individuals of all ages.

StaySafeOnline.org
The National Cyber Security Alliance offers instruction on security updates, free anti-virus software, malware software removal, and other services.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF ONLINE CRIME

• Immediately notify your local authorities and file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

• If you think a site has collected your personal information in a way that violates the law, report it to the FTC at www.ftc.gov/complaint.

• If someone has had inappropriate contact with you or a colleague, report it to www.cybertipline.com and they will coordinate with the FBI and local authorities.

Stop.Think.Connect.™ is a national public awareness campaign aimed at empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online. The Campaign’s main objective is to help you become more aware of growing cyber threats and arm you with the tools to protect yourself, your family and your community. For more information visit www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect.