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Media Advisory

The Nevada Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management and the Department of Administration's Enterprise IT Services Encourages the Public to Stop.Think.Connect.

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). The Nevada Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Department of Administration's Enterprise IT Services, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance are participating in National Cyber Security Awareness Month. State and federal agencies are urging Nevadans to take precautionary measures to stay safe when online.

Each week during National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) agencies will promote one of the five easy steps to learn about the actions you can take to make the Internet safer.

Step One: General Cybersecurity Awareness: 5 Years of Stop.Think.Connect.™

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) and also the fifth anniversary of the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign. As a partner in the Campaign, state agencies are joining with the Department of Homeland Security and its partners across the country to highlight the importance of cyber security to individuals of all ages and all segments of the community.

Cyberspace touches nearly every part of our daily lives. It includes the broadband networks beneath us and the wireless signals around us, the local networks in our schools, hospitals and businesses, and the massive grids that power our Nation.

In our professional and personal lives, as well as in our communities, we depend on the Internet and its vast system of networks to perform daily functions. However, as technology advances, so do the techniques cyber criminals use to gain access to our computer networks.

STOP: Before you use the Internet, take time to understand the risks and learn how to spot potential problems.

THINK: Take a moment to be certain the path ahead is clear. Watch for warning signs and consider how your actions online could impact your safety, your family's or your workplace.

CONNECT: Enjoy the Internet with greater confidence, knowing you've taken the right steps to safeguard yourself, your computer and the larger network you're connected to.

For more information on cyber security visit: <https://www.staysafeonline.org/ncsam/resources/stc-tips-and-advice>

