

# Protect Your Information on the Internet

## Common Online Threats



### Phishing

Fraudulent emails are sent asking for your personal information and looking like they come from a legitimate site, including a financial institution.

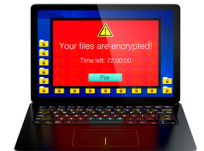
**IF** you receive a suspicious email, do not open it, reply to it, or click on any links. Report this information to your bank. Remember, most banks will never request information about you or your account through an email.



### Malware

Malware is software designed to damage a computer without your knowledge.

Ransomware is a type of malware that hijacks a user's computer by taking control of its monitor or screen, locking the system and then displaying a ransom message.



### Ransomware

## Prevention Methods



### Passwords

Choose a "strong" password. Hint - use a sentence or phrase that you will remember. For example: "my favorite hobby is to plant the garden!" becomes "mfHi2ptg!"



### Email

Do not email any sensitive, private or personal information via email.



### Websites

To be secure online, the address or URL should begin with "https," and the "closed padlock" (usually in the same place you enter the URL) should appear.

Using latest versions of anti-malware and anti-virus software is critical to the safety of your computer and personal information.



### Anti-Virus



### Firewall

A firewall is a protective layer between your computer and the rest of the Internet. You should use this to prevent an outside intruder from gaining access to your computer.



*These safeguards are provided as a tool to help you prevent potential harm to your personal information or computer. The use of this information is not a guarantee.*