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Greetings from your Information Systems and Technology Team!



This week's Cybersecurity Tips!

"Passwords are like underwear, don't let people see it, change it very often, and you shouldn't share it with a stranger" – Chris Prillo

Follow these cyber security tips to protect valuable information from being disclosed to cyber criminals. Let's do our part to practice safe computing at UD.

Safe Computing Tip #1 – Keep a tidy desk

Make sure you keep your desk area tidy. Anything that is written on paper, like passwords for various accounts or programs, is easy to steal. Try to limit the amount of information left on desks. This will help to prevent a potential data breach.

Safe Computing Tip #2 – Be careful where you use Bluetooth

Depending on how it's configured, Bluetooth can be secure. However, many Bluetooth devices rely on personal identification numbers (PINs) instead of passwords or passphrases. If a hacker discovers your Bluetooth device, they may be able to send you unsolicited messages or use a method called "bluesnarfing", which refers to hackers using a Bluetooth connection to steal data from your Bluetooth device. You can protect yourself by disabling Bluetooth when you are not using it. Use Bluetooth in "hidden" mode or configure your Bluetooth to require a secure connection.

Safe Computing Tip #3 – Be cautious when charging

Try to avoid connecting your smartphone to any computer or charging stations that you do not control, like a charging station at an airport or a shared PC at a library. Connecting a smartphone to a computer using a USB cable can allow software running on that computer to interact with your phone. If that computer has a malicious virus, it could gain access to your data or install new software on your phone.