

## Cyber Security Checklist

- **Have you utilized all your privacy settings for your social media sites?**
  - The majority of social media sites have ample privacy settings to help you keep your information secure. In addition, sites like Facebook have settings that allow you to see what your profile looks like in “Public” view so you can ensure your information has been properly locked down.
  - Scrub meta-data from your photos prior to uploading
  - Opt-Out of advertising
  - Prevent search engines from linking to your profile
  - Update privacy settings on applications on smart devices
  - **Be aware:** When social media sites change their privacy settings or terms and conditions, they often revert information that had been previously “private” to “public”. Regularly check back and make sure that your information is properly secured.
  - [www.soc.mil/SWCS/IdM.html](http://www.soc.mil/SWCS/IdM.html)
    - Utilize the above website to find 30+ handouts on how to step-by-step lock down your social media accounts.
- **Have you secured your smartphone?**
  - Smartphones have various settings in terms of location, marketing, advertising, etc. Make sure that you have properly locked down your information on your smartphone, tablets, etc.
  - Make sure your phone is encrypted
- **Securing your home Wi-Fi**
  - Whenever possible, utilize HTTPS instead of HTTP
  - HTTPS Everywhere is an extension available on Firefox, Chrome, and Opera
  - Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN)
    - [Privateinternetaccess.com](http://Privateinternetaccess.com)
  - If the only option is open Wi-Fi, limit your browsing to casual content
  - Enable WPA2 encryption
  - Disable WPS (if possible)
  - Turn the firewall on (ESet Smart Security, EMicro)
  - Change Default Passwords
  - Do not use personal information to identify your network
- **Managing Browser Cookies**
  - Cookies are text files retained on computers by browsers containing various information in regards to a specific website visit. Another way to think of this is that a cookie is a message given to a web browser from a web server that is then sent back to the web server whenever the browser requests a page from it.
  - Utilize add-ons such as Privacy Badger or Ghostery to ensure that your cookies are erased from your browser at the close of each session.
- **Monitoring Your Credit Information**

- You can utilize services such as Lifelock or Equifax to monitor your credit information, as well as your families.
- Child Identity Theft is an on the rise cyber-crime. Most credit monitoring services will also monitor your young child's social security number to ensure they are not a victim of Identity Theft.