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October is Cyber Security Month

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, National Cyber Security Alliance and a variety of other organizations are working together to promote October as National Cyber Security Awareness month.

NCSA month focuses on increasing understanding of internet security all over the country and is aimed toward home users, small businesses and all levels of education. Organizations are promoting activities that include protection against viruses, worms, hacking, phishing, identity theft, spyware and other potential threats.

“Using strong passwords, protecting against malware and updating current patches are examples of safe online computing,” said Kathy Bergsma, UF’s information security manager.

With the increase in security threats, such as phishing, it is important that end-users have all the information to protect themselves, said Bergsma. NCSA month is a great way for all kinds of organizations to come together for a common cause.

The University of Florida’s Computer and Networking Services department oversees the schools internet security concerns. All UF students, faculty and staff have access to free anti-virus software by McAfee VirusScan.

For more information on safe computing please visit: <http://infosec.ufl.edu/public>