



# CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE BULLETIN

Cyber Month – Bringing Your Devices Up To Speed  
Prevent ID Theft and ID Fraud

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FRAUD: RECOGNIZE, REJECT, REPORT

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month, and this year's theme is ***Get Cyber Safe – for future you.*** Cyber threats are constantly evolving, and so are tactics fraudsters use to exploit Canadians. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) would like to remind Canadians that bringing your devices up to speed can protect you from fraud. By learning how criminals operate and taking simple steps today, you can build strong cyber habits that will safeguard your money, your identity, and your future.

This week's bulletin highlights that keeping your devices up to date is one of the most effective ways to prevent identity theft and identity fraud in the cyber environment. Fraudsters exploit weaknesses in old operating systems, browsers, and apps to steal personal information. Once they have your data, they can impersonate you to commit fraud by opening new accounts, applying for credit or accessing government benefits in your name.

## How to Protect Yourself

- Turn on automatic updates
- Update routers and smart devices to secure your home network
- Use strong and unique passwords
- Use Multi-Factor Authentication on accounts
- Limit the information stored on devices (e.g., SIN, government ID's, tax documents) unless necessary
- Monitor your accounts and credit reports regularly for unfamiliar transactions or credit inquiries
- Visit GetCyberSafe for more information on [securing your devices](#)

Remember! Keeping your devices up to date is one of the easiest ways to stop identity theft before it happens. A few minutes spent updating today can save months of stress if your identity is stolen tomorrow.

Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of cybercrime or fraud should report it to their local police and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's [online reporting system](#) or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. If not a victim, you should still report the incident to the CAFC.



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