



# PRIVACY REF

Effective operational privacy

## BEST PRACTICES FOR REMOTE WORKING IN A GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENT

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## AGENDA



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## Why work remotely?

### Organizational considerations

- Creating a “work remotely” policy
- Securing your computer
- Protecting your network connection
- Establishing strong passwords
- Tips for using your mobile devices
- Handling confidential papers

### Personal considerations

- Setting up a home workspace
- Guarding against scams
- Protecting your personal information



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# A QUICK POLL

Are you working  
remotely?

- a. Yes, I usually or often work remotely
- b. Yes, due to COVID
- c. I was, but our offices are open again
- d. No





# WHY WORK REMOTELY?

## Health concerns

- COVID-19
- Cold, flu, or other illness
- Doctor's appointment

## Weather / Office Closure

## Business travel

## Personal time with a deadline you just can't miss





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# ORGANIZATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS



# CREATE A “WORK REMOTELY” POLICY

Set clear expectations

Employee may be expected to:

- Choose a quiet and distraction-free working space
- Have an internet connection that's adequate for their job
- Dedicate their full attention to their job duties during working hours
- Adhere to break and attendance schedules agreed upon with their manager
- Ensure their schedules overlap with those of their team members (if necessary)
- Protect equipment
- Continue to comply with organizational policies

Organization may be expected to:

- Provide equipment
- Provide support services







# A QUICK POLL

Does your organization have a “working remotely” policy?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I am not sure



# EQUIPMENT – BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE



BYOD allows for you to use your personal devices for business

- Pros
- Cons

You must still adhere to Organizational Policies

- Confidentiality
- Privacy / Data Protection
- Security
- Appropriate Use
- Employee Monitoring
- Social Media

Organizations should consider a Mobile Device Manager

Tech Support concerns



# SECURING YOUR COMPUTER

## Protect your data

- Lock your device
- Turn on device encryption
- Back up your data

## Protect against threats

- Use anti-virus and anti-malware software
- Turn on automatic security updates, antivirus, and firewall

## Beware of tech support scams

## Know who else is using your computer





# PROTECTING YOUR NETWORK CONNECTION



## Connect to a safe network

- Use a wired, ethernet connection
- Use Wi-Fi encryption options for access

## User Authentication

## Virtual Private Networks





# USER AUTHENTICATION

## Username

- Identifies you
- Allows allocation of permissions

## Password

- A single factor of authentication
- It is something you know

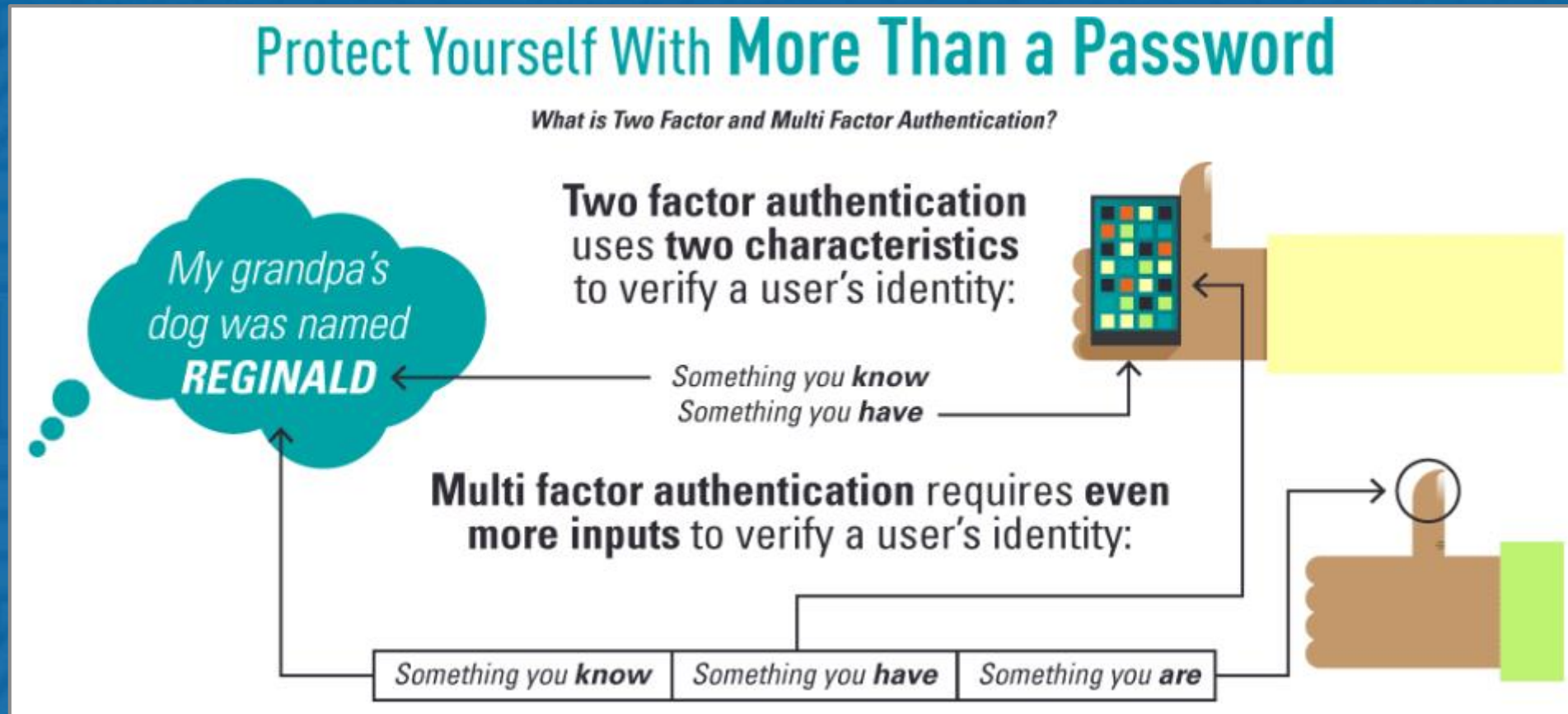
## Other factors of authentication

- Something you have
- Biometrics
- Where you are
- When you are

Provide a support line with authentication



# MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION



# PASSWORDS

 **Top 30 Most Used Passwords in the World** 

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1	123456	11	abc123	21	princess
2	password	12	1234	22	letmein
3	123456789	13	password1	23	654321
4	12345	14	iloveyou	24	monkey
5	12345678	15	1q2w3e4r	25	27653
6	qwerty	16	000000	26	1qaz2wsx
7	1234567	17	qwerty123	27	123321
8	111111	18	zaq12wsx	28	qwertyuiop
9	1234567890	19	dragon	29	superman
10	123123	20	sunshine	30	asdfghjkl

## OH SHOOT!



Someone  
figured out my  
**PASSWORD...**

now I have to  
rename my dog.

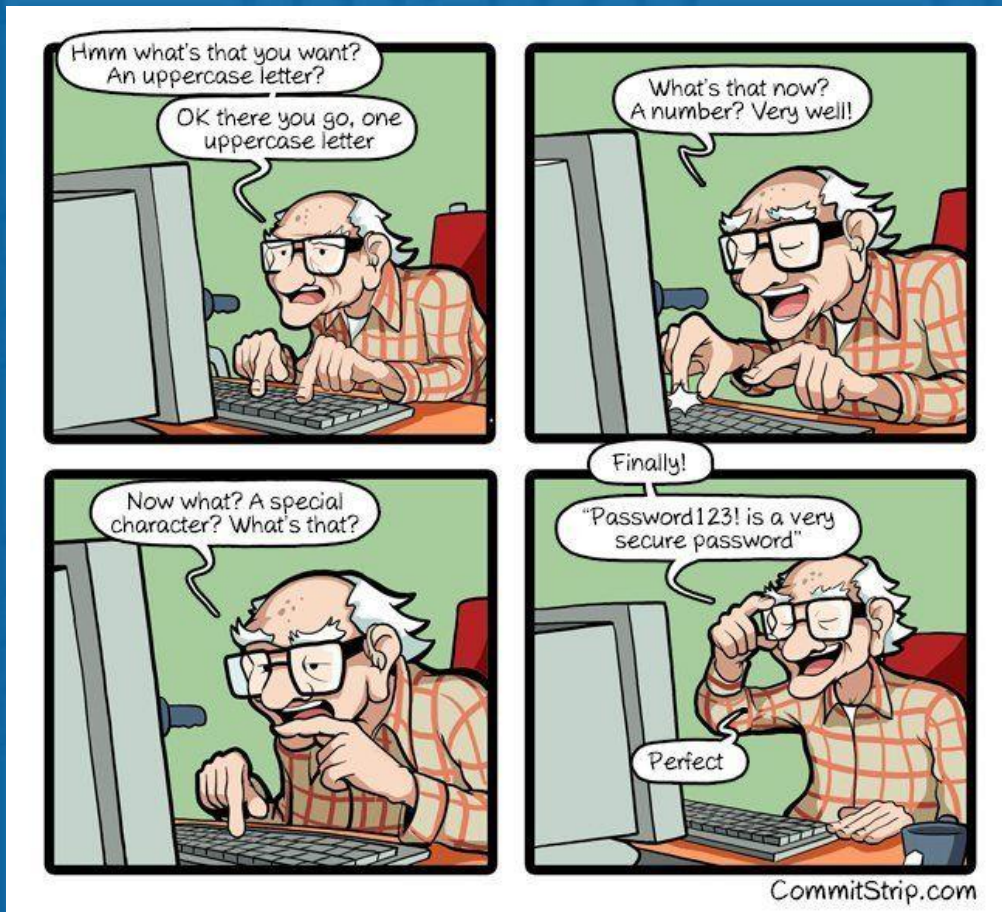
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# ESTABLISHING STRONG PASSWORDS



<p>UNCOMMON (NON-GIBBERISH) BASE WORD</p> <p>ORDER UNKNOWN</p> <p>Tr0ub4dor &amp; 3</p> <p>CAPS? COMMON SUBSTITUTIONS NUMERAL PUNCTUATION</p> <p>(YOU CAN ADD A FEW MORE BITS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE FACT THAT THIS IS ONLY ONE OF A FEW COMMON FORMATS.)</p>	<p>~28 BITS OF ENTROPY</p> <p><math>2^{28} = 3 \text{ DAYS AT } 1000 \text{ GUESSES/SEC}</math></p> <p>(PLAUSIBLE ATTACK ON A WEAK REMOTE WEB SERVICE. YES, CRACKING A SPOKEN HASH IS FASTER, BUT IT'S NOT WHAT THE AVERAGE USER SHOULD WORRY ABOUT.)</p> <p>DIFFICULTY TO GUESS: <b>EASY</b></p>	<p>WAS IT TROMBONE? NO, TROUBADOR. AND ONE OF THE 0s WAS A ZERO?</p> <p>AND THERE WAS SOME SYMBOL...</p> <p>DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER: <b>HARD</b></p>
<p>correct horse battery staple</p> <p>FOUR RANDOM COMMON WORDS</p>	<p>~44 BITS OF ENTROPY</p> <p><math>2^{44} = 550 \text{ YEARS AT } 1000 \text{ GUESSES/SEC}</math></p> <p>DIFFICULTY TO GUESS: <b>HARD</b></p>	<p>THAT'S A BATTERY STAPLE. CORRECT!</p> <p>DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER: <b>YOU'VE ALREADY MEMORIZED IT</b></p>

THROUGH 20 YEARS OF EFFORT, WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY TRAINED EVERYONE TO USE PASSWORDS THAT ARE HARD FOR HUMANS TO REMEMBER, BUT EASY FOR COMPUTERS TO GUESS.





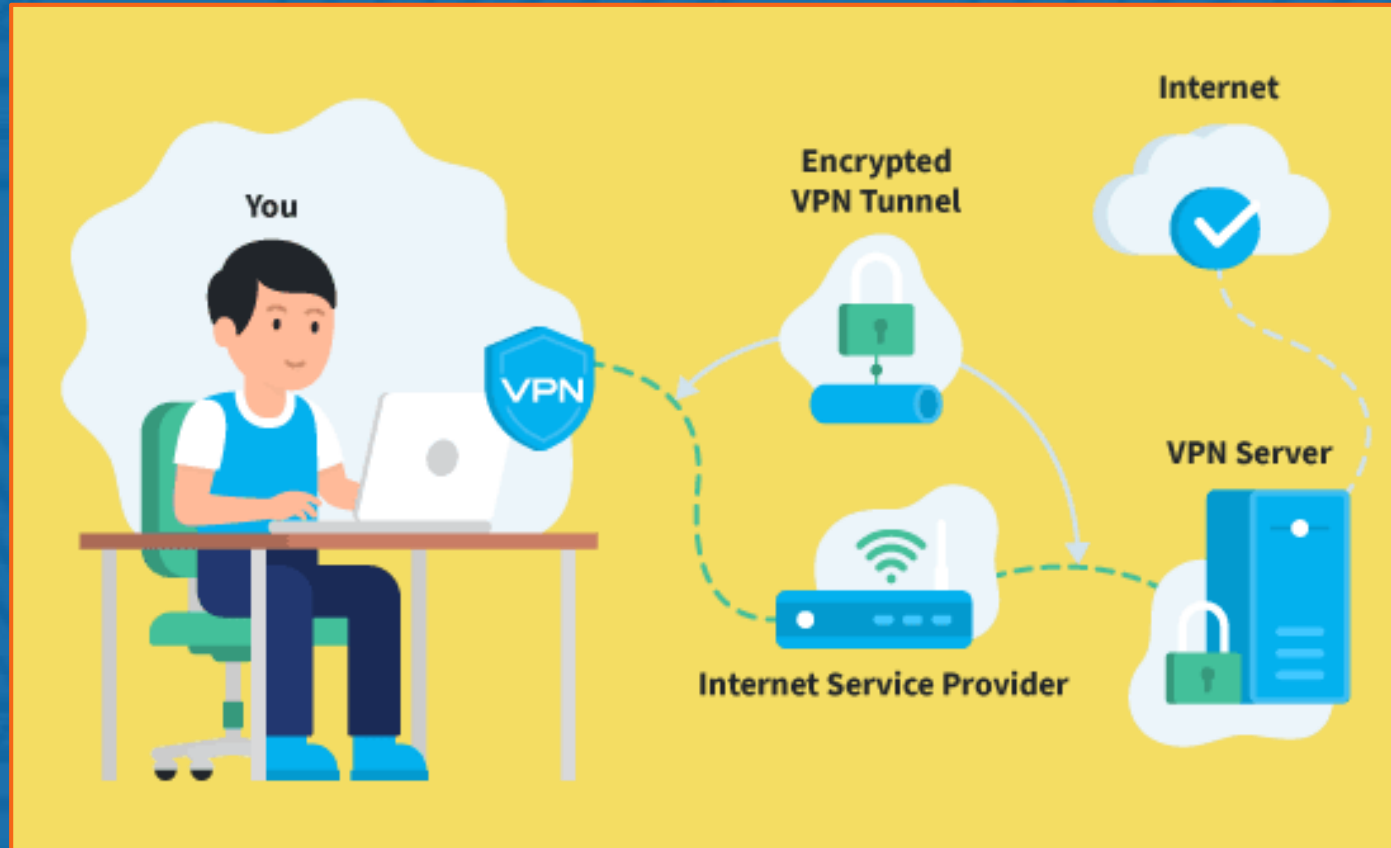
# KNOWLEDGE CHECK

Which of the following  
can be used to  
authenticate your  
identity?

- a. Something you know
- b. Something you have
- c. Where you are
- d. All of the above



# VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS



# TIPS FOR USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICES

## Mobile Device Management

### Secure access to the device

- Password
- PIN
- Biometrics
- ~~Location~~
- ~~Connected devices~~

### Know who you are sharing your device with

### Be aware of your environment

- Beware of shoulder surfers
- On a phone keep your voice down
- Be cautious with backgrounds in pictures



# A REVEALING BACKGROUND





# HANDLING CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS

Follow your organizational policies

- Security
- Retention
- Destruction

Clean your desk

- Lock confidential material away
- Have a lock on the door

Have a shredder



# KNOWLEDGE CHECK

How should you  
destroy confidential  
papers?

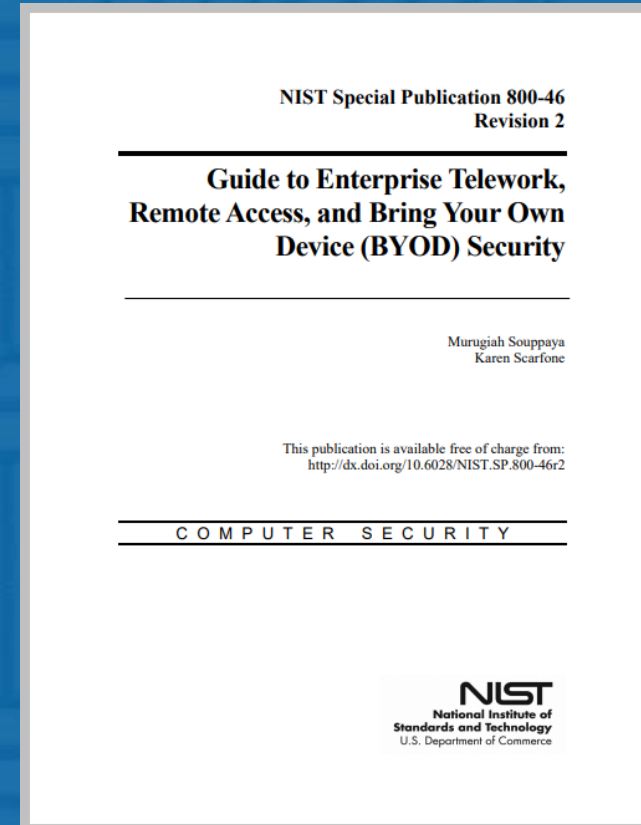
- a. Throw it in the trash
- b. Shred it
- c. Use the back for notes



# NIST / DEPT. OF COMMERCE GUIDANCE

NIST Special Publication 800-46 Rev. 2

*Guide to Enterprise  
Telework, Remote Access  
and Bring Your Own Device  
(BYOD) Security*





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# PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS





# SETTING UP A HOME WORKSPACE



Quiet, distraction free

Proper equipment

- Computer
- Phone
- Shredder
- Locking cabinet or locked room

Monitors should not be viewed from the outside

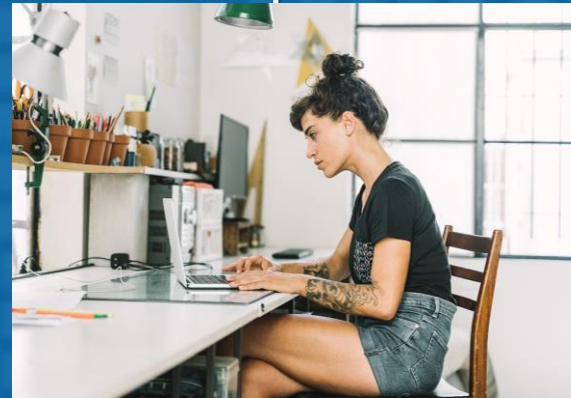
# KNOWLEDGE CHECK

Which is the better working arrangement?

a. Working in the bedroom



b. A dedicated space



# GUARDING AGAINST SCAMS



Social engineering

Phishing

Tactics

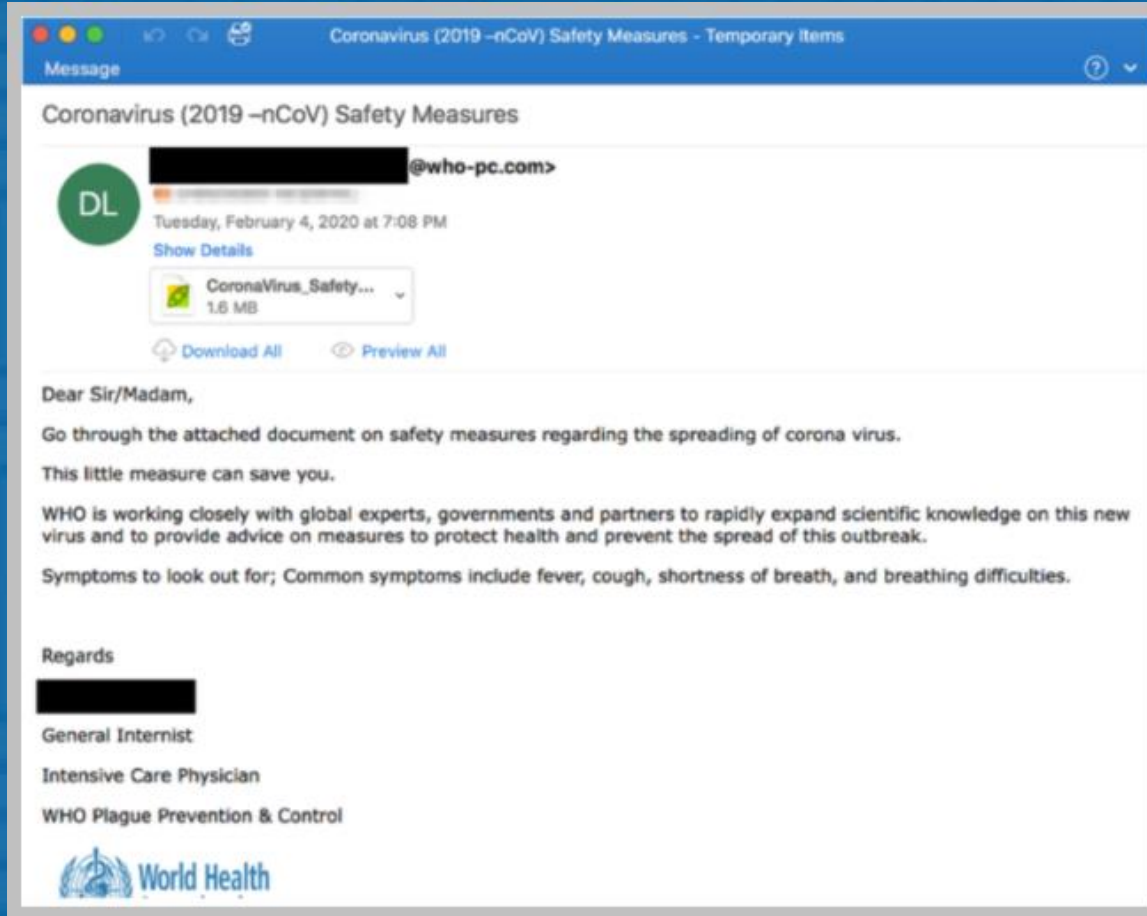
- Authority
- Urgency
- Emotion
- Scarcity
- Current events



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# PHISHING EXAMPLES





# PHISHING EXAMPLE

## Response



Wendy [REDACTED]@gmail.com> (Wendy H

To b.siegel@[REDACTED].h

Cc [REDACTED]



8/3/2020

We could not verify the identity of the sender. Click here to learn more.  
The actual sender of this message is different than the normal sender. Click here to learn more.

**CAUTION:** This message originated from outside of [REDACTED]. Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you recognize the sender and are expecting the message.

Hi Bob,

I'm planning to surprise some of the staff with Gifts, Your confidentiality will be appreciated. However, I need you to get a purchase done, Email me once you get this.

Wendy [REDACTED]  
Chief Executive Officer  
sent from my mobile device



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# KNOWLEDGE CHECK

If you suspect an email is part of a phishing scam, you should...

- a. Forward it to your friends
- b. Open the attachments
- c. Delete it
- d. Send it to your boss



# PROTECTING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Make sure people know you are in a meeting

- Background conversations
- Drop ins by family and friends
- Visiting pets

Screen sharing

Video meeting background



# GOOD OR BAD?





# GOOD OR BAD BACKGROUND?



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# SCREEN SHARING

The screenshot displays a Windows desktop environment with several applications open:

- Excel:** The background application is an Excel spreadsheet titled "Australia Data Privacy Checklist1 - Excel". It shows a table with columns "Reference" and "Description". The "Description" column contains text about overseas recipients and data protection measures.
- Outlook:** An Outlook window is open, showing an email from Benjamin Siegel with the subject "DPA feedback". The email content mentions a review of the DPA sent to the user last week.
- Google News:** A Google News window is open, displaying a sports article titled "First Call: Dallas QB update for Steelers game Sunday; Antonio Brown's legal team in full gear".
- Calendar:** A calendar for November 2020 is visible, showing dates and events such as "Bi-weekly status meeting...", "Company Meeting", and "CIPP/US Study Group Da...".
- Taskbar:** The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 8:29 AM on 11/3/2020.



# KNOWLEDGE CHECK

Before sharing your  
screen, you should



Share  
not needed for

=YddwkMJG1Jo



# BEST PRACTICES FOR REMOTE WORKING

## Organizational Considerations

1. Create a “work remotely” policy
2. Secure computers
3. Protect network connections
4. Establish strong passwords
5. Utilize a VPN
6. Properly use mobile devices
7. Protect confidential papers

## Personal Considerations

1. Set up a home workspace
2. Guard against scams
3. Protect your personal information





# THANK YOU



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