Mobile Device Security

As mobile devices are integrated more deeply into your daily routine, it’s no wonder cyber criminals are making cell phones and tablets a top priority.

**SPEAR PHISHING ATTACKS**
You're just as vulnerable on a mobile device as on a desktop computer to receive malicious emails.

**APP CLONES**
Just one popular app can have hundreds of clones, and they usually contain malware.

**APP VULNERABILITIES**
Attackers can launch attacks to exploit vulnerabilities in the app’s code before the developers can react.

**SMISHING ATTACKS**
By sending phishing links via SMS text message instead of email, attackers take advantage of the world-wide use of mobile devices.

Whether at home, work, or on the go - follow these tips to help protect your information.

**Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN)**
Be wary of connecting to public wireless networks. If your only option is to connect to an unsecured network, use a trustworthy VPN to send and receive information securely.

**Be prepared**
Phones are lost and stolen all the time, and without a way to wipe data remotely if your device is stolen, data can be easily extracted. Set up “Find my Phone” and “Remote Wipe” apps ahead of time to locate a lost device or restore your phone to factory settings in case it cannot be found.

**Examine links before clicking**
The smaller screen size on a mobile device makes it more difficult to spot indicators of a phish, increasing your risk of falling for a scam.

**Use multi-factor authentication (MFA) wherever it is offered**
MFA is an added layer of security. After entering your password, you must use a second method to verify your identity like answering a set of security questions.

**Keep device software and apps updated**
Be vigilant, and install updates as soon as they are available.

**How to see where a link goes without clicking**
Touch and hold the link until a pop-up menu appears. Be careful—quickly tapping and releasing will follow the link, which could be malicious.

Mobile Devices (Android, iOS, Windows)

Desktop (Mac/Windows)

If hyperlinks contain shortened URLs, you cannot verify the destination URL by hovering your cursor on your desktop or touching and holding the link on your mobile device!