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Cybersecurity Tips for Business Professionals

Tip #1 - Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

- To sign into your email account, you enter your password (Factor 1) and a code sent to your phone (Factor 2).
- With MFA, phished credentials are no longer enough, the suspect would also need to steal your phone to compromise your account.

Tip #2 - Interrogate suspicious emails/Monitor your account activity

- Hover over the email and carefully examine where it is really coming from, is it the same email address as in past legitimate emails? Suspicious? Call the sender!

Tip #3 - Don’t use public Wi-Fi without a VPN

- When meeting clients at the local coffee shop, use your VPN to check email, do banking, and send documents.

Tip #4 - Be an educator! You are your client’s first line of defense

- Tell your clients about BEC fraud and make them promise they will NOT follow any changed money wire instructions without TALKING to you first.

Tip #5 - Strong password and security question

- Long passwords that aren’t easily guessed and aren’t the same for every account.
- Security questions that aren’t easily “Googled” or guessed.

Tip #6 - Patch everything

- Update your systems – most compromises effect unpatched systems.

If you would like further information on how to protect yourself from cybercrimes, or to file a complaint, please visit www.ic3.gov.