



National Cyber Security Awareness Month

How NCSAM College Administrators Can Support NCSAM

The Internet is a critical resource to today's higher education community. As a college administrator, you can play an essential role in ensuring your students, faculty and staff stay safe and secure online. A great place to start is by participating in **National Cyber Security Awareness Month** this October. Whether you are able to show your support for just one day or every day this October, consider the following ways you can make a difference to raise cybersecurity awareness.

What you can do...

...in one minute:

- Email other school administrators and student leaders about National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Encourage them to integrate messages about "Our Shared Responsibility" in maintaining cybersecurity in their written communications and presentations to campus audiences during October. For more information: <http://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/about>.
- Email the NCSAM poster to campus administrators, deans, housing managers and other campus leadership. Ask them to display the poster in common areas beginning October 1. Download the poster and other materials at <http://www.staysafeonline.org/ncsam/promote-ncsam/>.
- Promote NCSAM on your university website and social media pages. Find web banners to post, as well as buttons and social media messages to share on Facebook and Twitter at <http://www.staysafeonline.org/ncsam/get-involved/social-media>.

...in one hour:

- Show your cybersecurity leadership by becoming an NCSAM Champion. It's easy to sign up at <http://www.staysafeonline.org/ncsam/champions/>.
- Schedule a meeting with security personnel or campus police to discuss ways you can partner on strengthening cybersecurity on campus. Include cybersecurity as an agenda item in an upcoming staff or faculty meeting.

...in one day:

- Hold a "Cybersecurity Day" event on campus. Have your IT personnel or computer sciences department give presentations on smart computer practices and campus online security measures. Share resources provided by the National Cyber Security Alliance: <http://staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/>.

...in one day:

- Ask the board of trustees to pass a formal proclamation in support of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, observed nationwide each October.

...all month long:

- Hold a campus poster/video contest in which students create public service announcements to educate their peers using **STOP. THINK. CONNECT.**, the national cybersecurity awareness campaign. Display the posters around your classroom and in school hallways. Share past **STOP. THINK. CONNECT.** videos as examples: <http://www.stopthinkconnect.org/campaigns/videos/>.

...all year round:

- Update your college/university computer acceptable use policies to be consistent with current technologies. For tips, visit <http://staysafeonline.org/teach-online-safety/for-administrators>.
- Develop and implement a campus-wide policy to notify students, faculty, and staff in the event of an online data breach. Check out the **AllClearID Data Breach Incident Response Workbook** for ideas: www.allclearid.com/data-breach/data-breach-response-plan.
- Consider appropriate places in which to incorporate **STOP. THINK. CONNECT.** tips and advice in student handbooks and orientation materials: <http://www.stopthinkconnect.org/tips-and-advice/>.