

OCTOBER IS CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Cyber Security is OUR Shared Responsibility



Cyber Security Awareness Month, now in its ninth year, is a nationally recognized effort coordinated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) to raise cyber security awareness across the country and to empower citizens, businesses, government and schools to improve their cyber security preparedness.

In celebration of Cyber Security Awareness Month, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Office of Cyber Security (DHSES OCS), in partnership with these organizations, offers free awareness materials and resources to assist you in educating employees, partners and citizens about cyber security.

Information and tips to help make your staff aware!

- Cyber Security Awareness Month materials:
 - The New York State Cyber Awareness Toolkit is available on our website at <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ocs/awareness-training-events/events/2012/index.cfm>. The toolkit includes cyber security themed posters, calendars, bookmarks, guides, brochures, and other content that can be downloaded.
 - Additional Stop.Think.Connect. materials are located at <http://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month>, <http://www.stopthinkconnect.org/> and www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect.
- Cyber Pledge (<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ocs/awareness-training-events/events/2012/index.cfm>).
- Hang Awareness posters in common areas.
- Link your website to the DHSES OCS website (<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ocs/>).
- Offer cyber security awareness training.
- Ask staff to view awareness videos (see the DHSES OCS website at <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ocs/awareness-training-events/>).
- Plan to attend the Awareness Month Webcast on 10/11 at 2pm <http://msisac.cisecurity.org/webcast/>.
- Watch for information on this year's NYS Kids Safe Online Cyber Security Awareness Poster Contest (<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ocs/awareness-training-events/children/>) for Kindergarten through Grade 12 students. Please visit the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Awareness Month page at <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ocs/awareness-training-events/events/2012/index.cfm> for more ideas and resources.