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REGULARLY UPDATE YOUR DEVICE AND SOFTWARE

"Vulnerabilities and exploits are being discovered daily. Until you apply the patches needed to prevent these they can be actively misused by an attacker. If the software allows it, turn on automatic updates in the settings."

NICOLE GASKELL
VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, KORDIA

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HOVER OVER LINKS

"Before clicking on a link, hover your mouse over it to preview the actual URL. Ensure that it matches the legitimate website's domain and doesn't contain unusual characters or misspellings."

ELENA CALDERON
VIRTUAL SECURITY SPECIALIST, KORDIA

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BE WARY OF FINANCIAL SCAMS

"If someone calls you to offer unsolicited financial advice like pension transfers, buy-to-let investments, re-fixing your mortgage, and so on, then politely disengage and block the number. Avoid the temptation to Google the business name and visit their dodgy website, once they have planted the seed in your mind."

STEPHEN COATES
SENIOR SECURITY CONSULTANT, AURA INFORMATION SECURITY

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DONT OVERSHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

"Attackers can use the information you post to track you or impersonate you, leading to phishing attacks or identity theft."

KATE HAN
PENETRATION TESTER, AURA INFORMATION SECURITY

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PHYSICALLY SECURE YOUR DEVICES

"Ensure all your smartphones, tablets, and computers are locked when not in use and use biometric or strong passcode protections. Never leave them unattended in public places and be cautious about who has access to them. Consider using full disk encryption so that if they are lost or stolen, the data remains protected."

ALASTAIR MILLER
PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, AURA INFORMATION SECURITY

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TAKE IT SLOW

"Be aware of any communications that are unexpected, or that make you feel an emotion - curious, worried, fearful, uncertain - to persuade you into doing something - clicking on a link for example. That's when you need to step back and slow down before you do anything else. Once you click, you can't go back. So stop, think and then act."

HORATIU PETRESCU
SENIOR SECURITY CONSULTANT, AURA INFORMATION SECURITY

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USE MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION

"Use Multifactor Authentication (MFA) on everything that requires you to log into e.g. banking apps, social media, shopping accounts, etc. It acts as an extra factor to make it harder to compromise your accounts."

ALASTAIR MILLER
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BE WARY OF FREE CLOUD STORAGE

"We all think our information, photos, personal messages and memories are 'ours'. Using so-called 'free' cloud services may mean the company monetises your data by selling it to advertisers, research and analytics firms. Worse, some will claim ownership of your intellectual property in images, art, school essays etc."

LYAL COLLINS
SENIOR SECURITY CONSULTANT, AURA INFORMATION SECURITY

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TAKE CYBER SAFETY SERIOUSLY AT HOME

"It is important to understand how family members, in particular children and seniors, are using digital technology. Often these groups are the most vulnerable when it comes to cyber issues like scams, unwanted contact and online bullying. By having an active interest we can help guide them to being capable and confident technology users."

JOSH REEDY
CISO, KORDIA

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GET HELP IF YOU'VE BEEN COMPROMISED

"If you're at work reach out to the IT or Security Team for help immediately. If you're at home, there are some great resources on the Own Your Online website from the National Cyber Security Centre with useful tips on what to do."

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