

# Scammers & Hackers

## How to out smart them?



More students and adults are working and completing assignments from home during this time of uncertainty. Scammers and hackers have more people they could target that could potentially become a victim of a cyber attack. Below, you will find ways to stay safe while working on the world wide web.

**DO NOT open e-mails or personal messages on social media from people you do not know. It could be someone trying to hack your account. It 's okay NOT to accept friend request from people that you do not know.**

**If ever solicited for inappropriate content, asked for passwords, or personal information block the person and report them AND the site if possible.**

**Instead of common passwords like birthdays or school names, try phrases with special characters. Example: Instead of green frog try gr@0g NEVER share passwords with friends if they are hacked using your information now you are vulnerable to scammers and hackers.**

**Make sure that the pop up blockers are set to on. This will ensure that unsafe sites can not pop up when you are surfing the web. If all else fails, hit the back button multiple times until you are off the unsafe site.**

**NEVER trust public Wi-Fi, instead set up your smartphone as a hotspot. NEVER leave your location on for any websites, social media sites, or GPS.**

**A cyberattack is an attempt by hackers to damage or destroy a computer network or system. These can have a negative impact on parents, students, and families. Any personal information can be stolen such as bank information, identity, and more.**