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Digital *Safety* Tips!



Preventing Cybercrime at Work:

Let's start with the easy part: don't fall for phishing attacks. You can spot them by searching for common red flags such as poor grammar and terrible spelling, a sense of urgency, a call to click on or download something, threatening language, and unrealistic promises.

Of course, not every phishing attack will exhibit those red flags. So double-check the "from" address. Hover over links to reveal the full URL. Remain skeptical of any requests for sensitive data or money. When in doubt, don't click, don't respond, don't download anything. If it appears to come from someone you know, contact that person, and confirm they sent the message.

Phishing aside, keep your work area organized and lock your workstation when not in use. Be sure to close doors behind you. Never allow someone to borrow your credentials to log into a system or enter a secured area. Always follow policy. And report security incidents immediately.



Preventing Cybercrime at Home:

Let's start with the easy part: don't fall for phishing attacks (see above).

Next, we recommend developing a security policy for your household, similar to what most organizations enforce. Here are a few security action items to apply to your personal life:

- Protect every account and every device (including your router) with a strong, unique password.
- Enable automatic updates wherever possible.
- Set social media accounts to fully private and only "friend" people you know.
- Limit what you share on the internet.
- Set up different user accounts on shared devices and limit administrator access.
- If you have young children, consider using parental monitoring software.



Preventing Cybercrime on Mobile:

When you're out and about, never connect to a public network without using a virtual private network (VPN), which encrypts your connection and prevents data theft. Even when using a VPN avoid logging into accounts that contain highly sensitive data.

Before downloading any apps or software, research the developers, and only install from trustworthy sources. App stores are frequently targeted by cybercriminals who attempt to spread malicious apps that often impersonate legitimate versions.

Never leave your devices unattended. Consider enabling "find my device" services if available. These allow you to locate your phone via a second device or remotely reset it to factory default (removing all personal information).

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EASY ACCESS - At the top of every page, you'll find one-click access to Pay My Bill, Check Email, and Maintenance Alerts. The homepage also features a revolving display of our latest news.

EASY ANSWERS - Our new Venture Learning Center provides tutorials and support for internet, Wi-Fi, email, home phone, and mobile phone services. New Streaming Tips offer a beginner's guide to streaming movies and TV shows.

EASY SHOPPING - Just type in your zip code to see the Venture services and pricing for your area. Our new, streamlined service options simplify decision-making.

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- **St. Patrick's Day** – Wednesday, March 17th
- **1st Day of Spring** – Saturday, March 20th
- **Office closed on Good Friday** – April 2nd
- **Easter Sunday** – April 4th



**Always Call
Before
You Dig!**

Along with Spring, comes outdoor projects. If you plan to do any digging of trees, shrubs and fences or anything similar, you will want to have your utilities in your yard located PRIOR to starting your projects.

A national hotline is available for consumers by dialing 8-1-1 from your Venture landline or by dialing 1-800-781-7474. Your request will be routed to local utility companies, who will mark their particular lines prior to your landscaping project so no one's safety is compromised.

March Madness! High School & College Basketball



Venture Communications, in cooperation with South Dakota Public TV (SDPB) and SDN Communications is again partnering to bring you coverage of these tournaments:

- Boys State B Tournament – March 18-20 ... Channel 399
- Boys State A Tournament – March 18-20 ... Channel 400
- Boys State AA Tournament – March 18-20 ... Channel 401

To access all the high school game times and team standings throughout the day, go to sports.sdpb.org.



The 2021 NCAA men's tournament begins on Sunday, March 14th, with Selection Sunday airing on Venture Digital TV Channel 3, CBS. Tournament play for the NCAA men's basketball tournament will begin March 18th. Venture Digital TV will bring you coverage of the tournament on the following networks:

- TNT ... Channel 78
- TBS ... Channel 76
- Tru-TV ... Channel 54
- CBS ... Channel 3

Keep up with your favorite team by visiting cbssports.com.

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