

**West Virginia Executive Branch
Privacy Tip of the Week**

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month!

Each week we will give you a tip to help you stay Cyber Safe.

This week's tip:

Keep a Clean Machine

- **Keep security software current:** Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats.
- **Automate software updates:** Many software programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that's an available option.
- **Protect all devices that connect to the Internet:** Along with computers, smart phones, gaming systems, and other web-enabled devices also need protection from viruses and malware.
- **Plug & scan:** "USBs" and other external devices can be infected by viruses and malware. Use your security software to scan them.

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