Notice to All Light Vehicle Accredited Repair Shops

Cyber Security Awareness Month – October 2024

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Cyber threats have become more advanced in recent years. Attackers now use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create convincing phishing emails and fake messages, making it easier for them to trick people. Canada has seen many cybersecurity incidents lately, affecting both government and private entities. Human error is a major cause of these breaches, highlighting the need for ongoing education and awareness.

By understanding these threats and using simple, repeatable cybersecurity practices, you can protect and keep your business running smoothly. Below are the top three actions to consider:

1. **Be cautious with links and attachments**. Always be careful with emails and messages. Don't click on links or open attachments from unknown sources, as they might contain harmful software or phishing attempts.
2. **Use strong, unique passwords and enable multi-factor authentication**. Make sure your passwords are complex and different for each account. Multi-factor authentication adds an extra layer of security, making it harder for attackers to access your accounts.
3. **Report any suspicious activities or cyber incidents immediately**. Train staff regularly to recognize cyber threats and report anything unusual right away. Early detection and response can prevent further damage, help protect your business, and keep Manitobans' information safe.

October is globally recognized as the Cyber Security Awareness Month (Cyber Month), which is an important time to consider how we can protect ourselves, our customers, and our organization online. During October, we have launched An MPI Partners banner to encourage cybersecurity awareness.

The Get Cyber Safe website from the Government of Canada contains useful tips and information resources to help you learn about cybersecurity. Additionally, you can locate or follow the Get Cyber Safe campaign on social media using the #GetCyberSafe hashtag.

We wish you a safe and happy Cyber Month! Be Cyber Safe!