Welcome to the third week of National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Our theme this week is "**Updating Your Software**." Despite a NCA survey in which nearly two in five respondents say they either "sometimes," "rarely," or "never" install software updates, applying the latest software updates and security fixes is one of the easiest ways to keep your information secure. Additionally, you can enable auto-updates for your devices to avoid the 'remind me later' button and stay one step ahead of cybercriminals.

Resources:

- You can find more information on [Updating Your Software](#) on the National Cybersecurity Awareness Alliance site.
- Learn about software update pitfalls and best practices in a [Software Updates Infographic](#).

Helpful Tips:

- Turn on automatic updates on all your devices. Set it and forget it!
- Stop clicking "Remind me later." Don't hesitate to update!
- Keep a clean machine with current security updates, web browser, and operating system.
- Uninstall any apps you no longer use.
- Download software from legitimate sources.
- Don't fall for phishy fakes!

Facts and Figures:

In response to a NCA survey:

- **68%** of the participants reported installing the latest updates and software as soon as they are available.
- Of those who reported installing the latest updates to their devices, **45%** had turned on automatic updates. A further **21%** note that they take immediate action when they receive a notification.

In response to a Symantec survey:

- Just **20%** of Android devices use the latest and safest OS version

Our emails and supporting information are available from the [National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM)](#) page on the CUNY web site. We also provide a growing security resources list on the [CUNY Information Security](#) pages. You may also want to visit the [OUCH!](#) website to read recent security articles or subscribe to the world's leading, free security awareness newsletter designed for technology users.

If you have any questions about any of this information, please contact your college's [Information Security Manager](#).