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Top 3 Tablet Security Tips

Wishing for a new tablet this holiday? Keep these security tips in mind to stay on the nice list.

- Password protect your tablet. It's the first line of defense if the device is lost.
- Set up remote wipe. It lets you erase all information on the device if it's stolen. This feature requires some advance setup. See www.apple.com/ipad/find-my-ipad.html and www.lookout.com.
- Be careful what you click. Protect your tablet like your desktop or laptop. Avoid clicking Internet ads. Delete spam texts and emails.

Visit url.tamu.edu/mobilesecurity to read more tips.

Buy Yourself a Present at the Discounted Software Store

New Windows 8 can be purchased at the Texas A&M Software Store for personal use by eligible faculty and staff. The $15 discounted price can't be beat! Visit software.tamu.edu to place your online order. Important note: Employee eligibility for purchasing the discounted software depends on their department's enrollment in the campus Microsoft licensing program. Contact your local IT administrator about eligibility.

Creating Strong Passwords is Easier than Ever

This gift is a lot better than fruitcake! New password criteria let you use phrases or sentences with natural language and spaces. Since longer passwords are stronger, it's easy to create passwords that are harder to crack. No need to use acronyms and gibberish passwords that are impossible to remember. Instead of "T3rR1bL3," your password could be "May the Force be with You!" Learn more at url.tamu.edu/passwordtips.

Mobile-Friendly A&M Website Makes Gift Giving Easier

Check out the Rosenthal Meat Center's mobile-friendly website at agrilife.org/rosenthal. You can buy Aggie-themed gifts, while supporting the facility's teaching and research activities. The new site automatically rearranges content based on the visitor's screen size, making information accessible on any web-capable mobile device. Learn more about how the university is going mobile at gomobile.tamu.edu.

Go Ahead and Forget Your Password

Before you leave for break, set up Self-Service Password Reset (SSPR), so you can reset your NetID password on your own if you forget it. It's a good idea to sign up both email and mobile phone options. Visit gateway.tamu.edu and click the "Password Settings" tab to get started. Learn more at url.tamu.edu/sspr.

Campus Mobile Use on the Rise

Research shows we're using mobile devices more and more.

TAMULink wireless usage is skyrocketing. September 17 usage set a record with 58,221 unique users and over 1.6 million sessions. Compared to September 11, 2011, that's more than a 200 percent increase in sessions and a 40 percent increase in users!

On the first day of school, Howdy Mobile logins were almost twice as common as desktop logins: 56,714 Mobile and only 29,132 desktop logins. Howdy Mobile usage increased almost 800 percent since its release in January 2012. Average daily logins increased from 3,433 in the first month to 27,156 by August 2012.

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