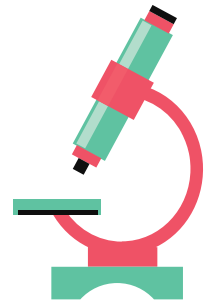# Back-to-School Security Checklist

☐ **KEEP YOUR SOFTWARE UP TO DATE**
Make sure you are always updating your operating system, apps, and browser with the latest patches. Updates are there to fix bugs and address security issues.

☐ **INSTALL ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE ON ALL YOUR DEVICES**
All your devices should have anti-virus software, even your mobile devices.

☐ **RESEARCH**
Research apps before downloading them and only download from trusted sources.

☐ **USE VPNs**
And don't access personal or financial information on unsecured or public WiFi.

☐ **DON'T TAKE THE PHISH BAIT**
You may think you are a small fry with nothing of value from phishers but that is just not true. Always be sure of the source of an email before you click on any links or attachments.

☐ **KEEP YOUR DEVICE ON YOU AT ALL TIMES**
Don't leave your devices unprotected or lying around. Don't leave your devices where they can be easily stolen.

☐ **USE STRONG PASSWORDS AND PASSCODES ON ALL YOUR DEVICES**
Use passwords that have symbols, numbers, and letters. If using a passcode, don't make it your birthday or something simple like 1234.