How Not to Become a Victim of Hacking at the Holidays

As consumers spend more money online, the opportunities for fraud increase and so does the level of sophistication thieves employ to conduct card fraud. Many tactics are aimed at Card Not Present (CNP) fraud, when the card is used online and/or over the phone and the Europay, Mastercard and Visa (EMV) chip technology has no mitigating effects. Here are a few helpful holiday tips on how not to get hacked for the holidays:

⇒ Never use a public charging station. Plugging directly into a public charging USB port can put you at serious risk of “juice-hacking.” That’s when hackers use the same USB connection to transfer malware directly to your device and access email, text messages, photos and contacts. Some can even take command of your camera to record everything you type and look at. What can you do? Use your own USB cable and AC adapter to plug directly into a power outlet.

⇒ Beware of free public Wi-Fi. What makes free Wi-Fi convenient to use is also what makes it dangerous. The most common way hackers threaten public Wi-Fi is through the man-in-the-middle attacks; putting themselves between you and the connection point. Hackers can then access every piece of information you send out. What can you do? Use a VPN, which lets you set up your own private network on public Wi-Fi, shielding your online activity from prying eyes. You should visit only encrypted websites. Look for HTTPS instead of HTTP.

⇒ Turn off GPS and Wi-Fi and Bluetooth.

⇒ Encrypt.

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Meet OEM’s New Student Assistant

Kenneth Jones is a Student Assistant in the Office of Emergency Management. His primary responsibilities are to periodically check AEDs, change AED batteries and pads when needed, and resource management. Kenneth is a second year Electrical Engineering Technology major; he is also a Resident Assistant on the Marietta Campus. He has flexible hours, which may include nights and weekends. Say hello if you see him!

Fire Alarms

The most essential action when the fire alarm sounds is to immediately evacuate the building. Watch the video The Station Nightclub video as an example of the importance critical seconds make during a fire – warning, it’s graphic. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bknYdprA9ug

Read page 60 in KSU’s Emergency Operations Plan for a quick refresher: www.oem.kennesaw.edu

As a Crisis Coordinator, please take your radio as you evacuate (remember, never go back to your office or return to the building) and contact Public Safety to make sure they have the Fire Department en route.
Personal Safety Tips Over the Holidays

During the holidays, crime increases by 30%. Here are few personal safety tips:

- Always be aware of your surroundings and keep your personal space.
- If someone is approaching you, make direct eye contact. This lets them know you are not only aware but, can certainly identify them if needed. Eye contact asserts that you are not the victim.
- Avoid being distracted by your digital devices. Talking on your cell phone and listening to music on your headphones makes you an easier target.
- Change your walking routine by planning different routes. Don’t be predictable.
- Always have your keys in hand when approaching your car or home. Don’t fumble through your pockets or bags.
- Let a trusted person know where you are and leave them an itinerary and your contact info. Never inform strangers of your plans.
- Create an illusion that somebody’s always home.
- If you’re driving:
  - Never drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs or distractions.
  - Buckle up – yourself and your family; use the car seat for small children.
- Keep a breakdown kit (spare tire jumper cables, fuses, flashlights, blankets, etc).

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Save the date for our first-ever Crisis Coordinator Symposium on January 23, 2019 1:00pm-4:00pm in Prillaman Hall room 2010. We will have giveaways, in-depth training, announce the CC of the Year for 2018, and more! Please email us with suggestions on training or guest speakers.

Winter Weather Preparedness Week
December 2 - 8, 2018
Emergency Preparedness Gift Ideas

Do you struggle to find the perfect gift for a family member or friend? What about the person that does not want, or need, anything? How about something to help them better prepare for an emergency?! Give the gift of preparedness this holiday season! Just Google “emergency preparedness gift ideas” but here are a few to get you started:

* Fire extinguisher for the kitchen
* Cell phone charger or power bank
* First aid kit
* Flashlight or battery operated lantern
* Winter weather car kit (Water, cell phone charger, blanket, walking shoes, etc.)
* Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT) for the car
Office of Emergency Management
Training Dates

- December 13, 12:30pm-200pm, CPR/AED, Chastain Pointe 312 (Kennesaw Campus) (Note: Email Christy at Hendricks@Kennesaw.edu if you want to take this class due to its limited availability)
- January 3, 10:00am-11am, General Campus Safety, Chastain Pointe 312 (Kennesaw Campus)
- January 18, 10:00am-12:00pm, Special Topic Course: Dealing with Difficult People (Kennesaw Campus, TBD).

For a full listing and course descriptions, please visit oem.Kennesaw.edu/training. Classes will be offered periodically through the year, and are always available to be brought to your department! Sign up on https://ksu.skillport.com/skillport/scustom/login/ksu/login.action

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December OEM Calendar

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HOW WILL I KNOW IF CAMPUS IS OPEN, CLOSED OR DELAYED?

Check the following resources to determine whether the University is open, closed or delayed due to inclement weather.

Web:
www.kennesaw.edu
oem.kennesaw.edu

The Campus Advisory Page
www.kennesaw.edu/advisories

Twitter
www.twitter.com/kennesawstate
www.twitter.com/ksuoem

Facebook
www.facebook.com/KennesawStateUniversity
www.facebook.com/kennesawstateOEM

Local Media Outlets
www.cbs46.com
www.wsbtv.com

On Campus emergencies call: (470) 578-6666
Off Campus emergencies call: 911
Non-emergencies call: (470) 578-6206

Personal safety should always be #1. If you do not feel safe to travel, don’t.

Kennesaw State University
Office of Emergency Management
Phone: (470) 578-6985 | Web: oem.kennesaw.edu | Email: oem@kennesaw.edu
OEM Training Update

Offering Over 20 classes! We will bring them to you upon request.

Most Requested — Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)

Bleeding Control (Stop the Bleed) — Learn how to use a tourniquet and other methods

CPR/AED — Renewed focus thanks to new budget year!

Until Help Arrives — Perhaps the most useful

Special Topic Class: Behavioral Indicators of an Active Shooter — New Class