


Practicing Safe Computing in the age of Artificial Intelligence

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· Protecting yourself from AI Scams

	<u>Thou shalt not</u>	<u>Thou shalt</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Succumb to pressure to act now.2 Share personal data when contacted.3 Pursue unsolicited opportunities.4 Download unverified AI utilities.5 Try to outsmart AI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6 Keep up with the news.7 Limit sharing in social media.8 Remain aware, remain vigilant.9 Independently verify before acting.10 Trust your gut.

Phishing



- Tricking or scaring you into taking action including sharing personal information.

Phishing avoidance



Don't click on a link or call a number displayed

Contact the company or organization directly

Don't give out information when called!

If you are phished, don't ignore, take action!

Cyber warfare 2023



Russia may respond to our economic sanctions with a cyberattack

China may use cyber to respond conflicts in the South China Sea

Iran has yet to avenge the killing of Qasem Soleimani

North Korea is unpredictable and successfully attacked Sony Pictures for "The Interview"

Cyber warfare readiness



Be prepared for short-term outages

Keep one or two week's cash on hand

Back up your data locally and in the cloud

Use strong and varied passwords

Software Fixes

If experiencing a computer problem like a function no longer working, a page that you cannot access, a website that is acting strangely, or a program that is frozen, one of the following fixes may resolve the problem.

1. Close unneeded windows
2. Clear the cache
3. Close the browser and open a different one
4. Force a frozen application to close
5. Restart your PC
6. Clear your cookies
7. Run a virus scan
8. Reinstall an application that is acting funky
9. Clear blocking of selected pop-ups

Check Hal's articles on Practicing Safe Computing at <https://tinyurl.com/SafeComputingArticles>. A new article is added each month.

For more on these 9 fixes, see “#61 Ten Software Fixes” at the above link (see the article for the 10th “fix” 😊).

Contingency Planning

Bad things happen

- ☹ Disruptions and disasters will happen
- ☹ Data will be lost, corrupted, or inaccessible
- ☹ Computers will fail, partially or entirely
- ☹ Networks will fail, denying access

Things to do

- ✓ Back up your data locally and in the cloud
- ✓ Consider having a backup laptop or tablet
- ✓ Download a 2nd browser (Firefox, Edge, Tor)
- ✓ Have an alternate driving app in your auto (maps?)
- ✓ Copy your cloud-based passwords locally
- ✓ Practice using your phone's hot spot
- ✓ Have alternate phone #'s and emails
- ✓ Arrange with a distant person to relay calls
- ✓ Identify an alternate place for family to gather
- ✓ Consider keeping your land line or VoIP phone

For more, see “#72 Contingency Planning” at
<https://tinyurl.com/SafeComputingArticles>.