

Cybersecurity Tip of The Week- 10/2/17

“Watch Out” for Smartwatch Settings

Everyone wants the convenience factors of today's technology without any of the risk. Smartwatches create added convenience, but whether it's a fitness guru, a technology buff or someone only after the ease-of-use and accessibility factor, wearers need to be smart when it comes to their smartwatches. Security features are available on certain smartwatch models that may not be automatically activated. The following security features are ones you may be able to turn on for your smartwatch, according to an article on the Federal Trade Commission's website:

- **Create a pin** - Many users set a pin to open up their mobile device, and you can also create a short pin used to unlock your watch.
- **Draw a pattern lock** - Feeling more artistic? You can create and draw a pattern on your device's screen to unlock it instead of typing in digits.
- **Use your phone** - Set the watch to lock when it's out of range of your phone. If your phone is too far away from your watch to “pair,” your watch will lock.
- **Wrist detection** - When your watch is removed from your wrist, change your settings to have the watch lock.

In addition to enabling the features above, be mindful of keeping your device's software up-to-date and monitor what Wi-Fi your device connects with automatically. Keeping your data secure, whether that's your computer, phone or smartwatch, is a big component of cybersecurity.