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It's back to basics. Here's a list of the security standards that students are learning from CyberSmart, a school program that develops training curricula to teach students safe computer practices. Below are the top 10 recommendations for cybersecurity at home. Are your employees following these basic tenets? If not, it may be time to send them back to school.

1. Protect computers with firewalls.
2. Use antivirus software.
3. Do not open e-mail from unknown sources.
4. Use hard-to-guess passwords and keep them private.
5. Be a responsible cybercitizen.
6. Do not share access to your computer with strangers.
7. Disconnect from the Internet when not in use.
8. Back up your computer regularly.
9. Habitually download security protection update patches.
10. Evaluate computer security at least twice a year.

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