

Why-Fi: Beware of Unsecure Networks

You wouldn't give a stranger your credit card information, so why would you connect to a network that you don't know is secure?

We connect to Wi-Fi networks when we are at Starbucks or Chick-fil-A without giving it much of a second thought. However, this opens the door for fraudsters to set up shop and pose their device as the public hotspot in those common areas. If you are using a laptop or your smartphone to access work emails or other sensitive information, you may unknowingly be increasing your risk of a cyberbreach.

It's easy for these criminals to simply sit outside of a business and set up a hotspot with that business' name, in hopes of people unknowingly connecting to their network.

Don't let yourself fall victim to these criminals. Educate yourself and make an effort to only access bank data on a secure network, instead of connecting your laptop to the public network, use your mobile phone's personal hotspot. This reduces the opportunity for fraudsters to sit in the middle of your connection and maliciously connect to your device. Also consider always logging in with a VPN session which will encrypt your connection for additional security.