

# SPLASH ALERT



## October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM)

For the last 13 years, under leadership from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance, National Cyber Security Awareness Month has grown. Cyber-attacks and intrusion affect all of us as individuals, consumers, businesses, corporations, educational institutions and public agencies.

“**STOP. THINK. CONNECT.**” is the main focus and awareness message of National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Staying safe and more secure online starts with “**STOP. THINK. CONNECT.**” This is simple, actionable advice anyone can follow.



Several checklists are available to assist computer users with their cyber security efforts:

<https://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/resources/stc-tips-and-advice>

<https://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/resources/technology-checklist-for-businesses>

### What can you do to participate in National Cyber Security Awareness Month?

**Train all Staff** - All individuals that have access to computer devices and systems should receive training on computer policies and security procedures. An introductory online course is available through TargetSolutions on Computer Security Awareness.

**Develop/Review/Update a Cyber Security Policy** - Each member should consider adopting a Cyber Security Policy. A sample policy provided by the pool's Cyber Liability Carrier is available for members to review at [www.acwajpia.com](http://www.acwajpia.com).

For ACWA JPIA members participating in the General Liability Program, as of October 1, 2016, Cyber Liability Coverage is now provided at no extra charge for the 2016/17 program year. The Cyber coverage will protect members from a variety of exposures. For additional details on this coverage, contact Member Services at (800) 535-7899, Ext. 3122.

### “STOP. THINK. CONNECT.”

**STOP** - Make sure security measures are in place before you logon or access the internet.

**THINK** - About the consequences of your actions and behaviors online.

**CONNECT** - Only when you can use the internet safely and securely.