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OU presents Cyber Security Awareness Week

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Launched by the National Cyber Security Alliance, National Cyber Security Awareness Month is an initiative to raise awareness of cyber security so users improve their cyber security preparedness.

"We're hoping to share information and remind people the importance of using firewalls, spyware protection and anti-virus software," said Theresa Rowe, assistant vice president for University Technology Services. "It's important, because once you connect to the OU network, problems on your computer can become OU problems."

Members of the Helpdesk staff will be available in the Oakland Center near the Fireside Lounge throughout the week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to educate users on how to use anti-virus software and do operating software updates and detect spyware. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to bring their laptops to be checked out during this time.

In addition, each day a noon-hour presentation will share the latest information about cyber security issues with students, faculty and staff. Faculty and staff should sign up for the sessions through the **Faculty and Staff Training** site.

Questions about computer safety can be directed to the Helpdesk at 220D Dodge Hall, (248)-370-4357 or helpdesk@oakland.edu.

CYBER SECURITY NOON-HOUR PRESENTATIONS

- **Ask IT About Security**
Monday, Oct. 25
Oakland Center Lake Superior Room B
- **Avoiding Identity Theft**
Tuesday, Oct. 26
Oakland Center Banquet Room B
- **FERPA Panel – Federal Educational Rights & Privacy Act**

Wednesday, Oct. 27
Oakland Center Lake Superior Room B (Noon-1:30 p.m.)
- **Phishing, Viruses, Pop-ups and Worms**
Thursday, Oct. 28
Oakland Center Banquet Room B
- **Protecting your Computer**
Friday, Oct. 29
Oakland Center Lake Michigan Room

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