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Spooky Season



October means Spooky Season. But you know what's scarier than any ghoul, goblin or ghost? Cybercrime. And it just so happens that October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. (Coincidence?) So, in addition to keeping the monsters away, let's review 10 simple strategies to keep cyberhackers at bay.

- 1 Enhance restrictions for web browsing on company devices.
- 2 Restrict access to personal email on company devices.
- 3 Update your business continuity plans and be sure to plan for all scenarios.
- 4 Decrease physical network dependencies and consider cloud-based solutions.
- 5 Ensure that patching and scanning are free of network dependencies.
- 6 Maintain visibility into user activity and assets.
- 7 Ensure employees use a secure VPN when working from a remote location.
- 8 Use multi-factor authentication whenever possible.
- 9 Ensure employees lock their computers when they are not in use.
- 10 Hold regular trainings to educate employees on new cyberthreats.

Make this Spooky Season a little less spooky. These tips may not protect you from things that go bump in the night, but they will help to shore up your credit union from the wrongdoings of cybercriminals.

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Walking America

The Journey of Three Thousand Miles



The Ardine brothers, Louis (left) and Aiden (right)

Louis and Aiden Ardine, the sons of an Alloya member credit union's CEO (Leo Ardine of United Teletech Financial FCU in Tinton Falls, NJ) set out on May 1 to walk across the continental U.S. to raise awareness and funds for the Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation (RWCF). As former service industry workers themselves, the Ardine brothers chose the RWCF as their non-profit partner for its dedication to making the restaurant industry more hospitable for everyone, particularly those who continue to face financial hardships amid the ongoing pandemic.

In support of this "People Helping People" endeavor, the Alloya team embarked on a company-wide Fitbit challenge to walk "in step" with the Ardine brothers and help raise funds for their chosen cause. For every 7,500 steps that the Alloya team collectively reached, Alloya committed to donating \$1.00 to the RWCF, for a maximum donation of \$7,500.

On September 20, the Alloya team reached its fundraising goal by completing a grand total of 56,628,922 steps in the company-wide Fitbit challenge. According to the Ardine brothers' website, 100% of the funds raised will go to supporting restaurant workers and small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a few short days, the brothers are expected to arrive in San Francisco, CA – concluding their 3,146-mile walk across America. Over the last five months, the Ardine brothers far surpassed their original \$30,000 fundraising goal to raise over \$50,000. To learn more about the Ardine brothers, visit www.unmutedstories.org/walking-america or find them on Instagram [@ArdinesXAmerica](https://www.instagram.com/ArdinesXAmerica).

It's Back! **link**withalloya

Link with Alloya on Thursday, October 21 for the return of your favorite virtual education series!

This month, former Hard Rock International Leadership Trainer Jim Knight will delve into every area of a credit union's environment and reveal realistic solutions for systemic change. Regardless of your credit union's cultural history or status, this event will inspire you to take up the challenge of enhancing your credit union's organizational environment!



To learn more and register for this free event, visit www.alloyacorp.org/linkwithalloya.

ECCHO® Free Training!

Once a quarter, Alloya is hosting a free ECCHO training to give credit unions a taste for the value of ECCHO membership.

Join us for a complimentary ECCHO training on Thursday, November 4, at 1:00 pm CT for *Altered Checks and Presumption of Alteration*.

When a paying bank and a presenting bank have a dispute as to whether a presented check is altered, Regulation CC provides the Presumption of Alteration. During this session, you will learn what that means and how it affects a claim by a paying bank of the presentment of an altered check. Learn more and register for this free training at www.alloyacorp.org/eccho-session.



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