Employees should be trained annually on both online and physical security threats as well as on the best practices for protecting cardholder data. Just a reminder, you can also check with your Acquiring Bank or payment service provider to see what training or education they provide.

Stay Smart on Protecting Against Card Fraud!

Try to understand what you can do to keep your customers’ card data safe and protect against fraud? Unsure of where to begin?

Take a look at these ten simple steps to help you get started in your security efforts:

1. Educate
   Employees should be trained annually on both online and physical security threats as well as on the best practices for protecting cardholder data.

2. Update
   Make sure your business has a firewall, anti-virus, malware and spyware detection software. And don’t forget to regularly update the software.

3. Screen
   Pay attention to fraud prevention alerts from your virus and malware services, make sure you install updates as soon as they become available.

4. Protect
   Designate a separate computer for processing of all your online financial transactions. Try to keep this computer separate from social media sites, email and general internet browsing which can present chances for the computer to be susceptible to vulnerabilities.

5. Be Aware
   Change your passwords regularly, and especially after you have outside contractors do hardware, software or Point of Sale System installations or upgrades.

6. Control
   Change the passwords regularly, and especially after you have outside contractors do hardware, software or Point of Sale System installations or upgrades.

7. Clean
   Change your passwords regularly, and especially after you have outside contractors do hardware, software or Point of Sale System installations or upgrades.

8. Back Up
   Make sure you regularly back up your computers and the key data you want to protect. Whether it’s on a cloud drive or an offsite facility, so your business can be up and running again quickly in the unfortunate event of an unauthorized attack.

9. Learn
   Stay smart and safe by following these important security best practices. For more information on the PCI Security Standards, education and training resources available to your organization.

10. Check out the PCI Security Standards Council Website for more information on the Data Security Standards, education and training resources available to your organization.