Working Virtually: Protecting Tax Data at Home and at Work

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Security Six

Part 1 *of Security Summit tips for tax professionals*

The following are the basic "Security Six" protections that everyone, especially tax professionals handling sensitive data, should use:

1 **Activate anti-virus software** and keep it up to date.

2 **Use a firewall** to shield your computer or network from malicious traffic.

3 **Choose two-factor authentication** to add an extra layer of protection beyond a password.

4 **Use backup software/services** routinely for critical files on computers.

5 **Use drive encryption** to make sensitive client data unreadable to an unauthorized person.

6 **Create a Virtual Private Network** to allow for a more secure connection for remote work.