

Keep Piedmont Secure!



# PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY SECURITY AWARENESS GUIDE

**WELCOME!**

STOP. THINK. VERIFY.  
Don't act on urgent or unexpected messages without confirmation!

*Be a Lion. Not a Number*

## 1 PASSWORD SAFETY

One password can open many doors.



- Do not write passwords on sticky notes.
- Never share passwords with others.
- Use strong, unique passwords.
- Enable MFA when available.
- Lock your computer when away.



**A STICKY NOTE IS NOT A PASSWORD MANAGER.**

## 2 EMAIL & PHISHING

Think before you click.



- Be cautious with unexpected links.
- Verify unusual requests.
- Do not open suspicious attachments.
- Watch for fake login pages.
- Report suspicious emails to IT.



**URGENCY IS A COMMON TACTIC.**

## 3 PHYSICAL SECURITY

Security exists in physical spaces too.



- Do not hold secure doors open.
- Wear your university ID visibly.
- Report broken badge readers.
- Secure offices and classrooms.
- Do not leave devices unattended.



**FAMILIAR FACES ARE NOT VERIFICATION.**

## 4 SHARED DEVICE & DESK SAFETY

Protect student and university information.



- Log out of shared computers.
- Remove printed documents promptly.
- Keep sensitive paperwork secure.
- Avoid leaving devices unlocked.
- Keep student information private.



**LOCK BEFORE YOU WALK.**

## 5 AI & DEEPFAKES

AI can imitate someone you trust.

Independent verification is the lock it cannot pick.



- Trust the request only after you verify it another way.
- AI can fake a voice, face, email, or video.
- Before sending money, sharing information, or taking urgent action, contact the person or organization through a trusted channel you already know.



**VERIFY ANOTHER WAY. PROTECT YOURSELF.**

### IF SOMETHING FEELS OFF:



#### STOP

Pause and look for signs of suspicious activity or requests.



#### VERIFY

Verify the request using a trusted contact or source.



#### REPORT

Report it to IT right away. You may prevent harm to others.



#### STAY CONNECTED. STAY INFORMED.

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We're here to support your success!

#### IT HELP DESK

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