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### Cyber Security Awareness for Home Users: How to Not be a Target

Everyone has a part in cyber security, especially at home. This session explains myths, facts, and realities of cyber security and includes simple steps on how not to be a target of cyber attack. Case studies and best practices are presented during this session to help citizens better secure themselves and their community.

### Biography

Larry Thompson joined the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security in 2006 and is the Associate Director for Infrastructure Assurance Programs. In this capacity he is responsible for the development and delivery of all CIAS exercise and training programs. Prior to coming to the Center, Mr. Thompson served in the United States Air Force for over 24 years, retiring as a Colonel. He commanded the Air Force Information Warfare Center; the U.S. Air Force's center for development, testing, exercising and fielding of cyber security operations plans, procedures and equipment. In this position Mr. Thompson directed over 1000 Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel distributed over six separate operating locations, including one embedded in the National Security Agency. He also served as the Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, the Military Assistant to Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense and as Commander of an operational F-16 Fighter Squadron. As a Fighter Pilot and Instructor, Mr. Thompson logged over 3000 hours of flight time in multiple theaters of operations and has multi-conflict combat experience. He has taught as a flight and classroom instructor. Mr. Thompson holds a Master's of Science Degree in Aeronautical Science/Business Management, another in Airpower Art and Science / International Relations and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.