

It was reported on Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup> that an activist group engaged in cyber attacks against some of the largest banking institutions in the nation. Their goal wasn't to gain entry into the bank networks, but rather disrupt access to their websites including mobile, and internet banking.

They used an attack method called DDoS or Distributed Denial of Service. In short, they used a large network of vulnerable computers to send massive amounts of traffic to the target. The target's equipment is so busy trying to deal with this traffic that it cuts off access to everyone else. It's annoying, disruptive, and unfortunately is very effective.

At Community National Bank, we pride ourselves on providing the best and most secure products we can. We have the utmost confidence that should our products ever be a target; the best safeguards in the business are protecting them.

"What can I do to protect myself?" This is a question that is frequently asked. Below are a few tips:

- Install an Antivirus/Internet Security Suite for your computer. Antivirus is a must for Microsoft Windows based computers. There are several options available.
- Keep your account information PRIVATE.
- Change your passwords to your accounts often.
- Use a complex password scheme. Easy passwords are more convenient for yourself, but that convenience is extended to a hacker trying to gain access to your information as well.
- Remember the Bank will never ask for your private information in any email or over the phone. (Social Security Numbers, Debit Card Number...etc)

If you ever feel like your account has been compromised or you have issues with our internet or mobile services, do not hesitate to call your local Community National Bank branch. We'd be happy to assist you.

Thank you,



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