



**Media release**

## **Connect Smart Week – Do you know your phish from your malware?**

**11 October 2016** – Kiwis can test how cyber smart they are and learn a few tips through a new online quiz on the Connect Smart website.

The '[How Cyber Smart Are You?](#)' quiz consists of 10 multiple-choice questions and tests New Zealanders' knowledge about cyber security and increasingly common online threats.

The quiz is part of Connect Smart Week, which runs from 10-14 October 2016. This year Connect Smart is focused on cyber security in the workplace.

Director of the National Cyber Policy Office, Paul Ash, says the quiz is a great tool for organisations across New Zealand to encourage employees to test their cyber security awareness.

"It's a fun way for employees to learn about online threats," adds Mr Ash.

The quiz includes examples of various cyber security threats including phishing, malware, passwords, URLs, and patching – along with advice for users.

Employees at all levels have a role to play in protecting the information that belongs to their workplace – and everyone can take a few basic steps to make a big difference.

"We encourage people to test themselves at work by challenging their colleagues to see how much they know. Employees will learn simple ways to stay secure online, including how to create strong passwords, identify phishing emails, and identify legitimate and secure websites," Mr Ash says.

A high level summary of the quiz results, by region and sector, will be released on Friday 14 October. This is an opportunity to compare cyber security knowledge with the rest of the country.

During Connect Smart Week, organisations across the public and private sector are running activities to help their employees understand what to do to protect themselves and their businesses online.

A range of resources, including tip sheets, a glossary and videos, are available on the Connect Smart website and on the New Zealand Police Facebook page, as well as cyber tips from Ministers on Facebook.

This year, New Zealand is also working closely with Australia on cyber security as they run their

[Stay Smart Online](#) campaign during the same week as Connect Smart. Both countries have recognised that cyber security is fundamental to our economic prosperity in a world increasingly linked by the Internet.

For more information about Connect Smart Week and initiatives during the week, visit [ConnectSmart.govt.nz](https://www.connectsmart.govt.nz).

**About Connect Smart:**

Connect Smart is a public-private partnership that promotes ways for individuals, businesses and schools to protect themselves online. Connect Smart is led by the government's National Cyber Policy Office (NCPO) within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Connect Smart initiative has been developed in partnership with the public and private sector, with support from Platinum Partners ASB, BNZ and Spark; Gold Partners ANZ, Datacom, Deloitte, Facebook, FireEye, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, KPMG and Microsoft; and Silver Partners Dimension Data, International Underwriting Agencies and Marsh.

For further information on how to Connect Smart, or to become a Connect Smart Partner, visit <https://www.connectsmart.govt.nz>, and follow us at @ConnectSmartNZ #ConnectSmartWeek

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