**NAUGHTY LIST**

- Set the shortest passwords possible
- Post everything online including vacation dates
- Be sure to give out information to anyone who asks
- Open your wireless network so everyone can use it
- Never question how they know your PC is "broken"
- Leave the default password so it is easier to lookup online

**NICE LIST**

- Set strong passwords (the longer the better)
- Be cautious about what you post/share online
- Email and phone scams are designed to catch people who are not paying attention, so remain alert
- Encrypt your home wireless
- When in doubt, check it out
- Change the default password on all new devices, especially IoT devices

**DON'T BE THE LOW HANGING ORNAMENT**

Technologists use the phrase "low hanging fruit" to describe items that are easy to compromise or break into. In the same way low hanging fruit is the first and easiest target, low hanging ornaments are vulnerable to inexperienced hackers (aka children) as well as repeatable downloaded attacks run by script kiddies (aka script kitties).

It is important that everyone take steps to secure themselves and university data/equipment. Low hanging ornaments can be used to take the whole tree down.

Have a safe and happy holiday!