



## **CMIT Solutions of Brandon Offers Technology Solutions to Boost Cybersecurity for Local Businesses**

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Brandon, FL ? The loss of company data is a major concern for every business owner. Not only do they have to worry about backing up data, but they have to manage the ever-changing concern of how to keep that information secure from cyber threats.

?When it comes to protecting company information, there are three main challenges that small business owners will face in 2016," said Ann Spire, President of CMIT Solutions of Brandon. ?Compliance regulations from HIPAA and merchant processing guidelines require data encryption. However, there are tons of programs that attackers have created to try to counteract this encryption.?

?Secondly, we all recall occasionally receiving questionable emails from credible sources like PayPal or Amazon,? Spire said. ?In actuality they carry malware, phishing and viruses meant to compromise your computer security or personal identity.?

According to Spire, data backup is essential. While using file sharing services like Dropbox is very convenient and user-friendly, it is important to never share confidential company or personal information using this platform. ?It is not a secure enough transmission and can easily be accessed by hackers or disgruntled employees.?

Since there is no one tool to protect a computer system, Spire suggests purchasing all four of the following programs: anti-virus software; anti-spam software for emails; ad-blocking and pop-up software to prevent malware; and a network monitoring software to block unknown communications from outside sources.

A bonus strategy is to use complex passwords and change them frequently. It is equally important to invest in a reputable password management program that can help manage multiple passwords, so the user does not have to remember them.

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