



## **Monthly Cybersecurity Message from Scott Goodhart**

If you haven't changed your LinkedIn password recently, you should do so immediately. LinkedIn, a popular business-oriented social networking service, experienced a data breach four years ago, and what initially seemed to be a compromise of 6.5 million passwords has now turned out to be a major breach of 117 million passwords. This past week, LinkedIn announced that a large number of login credentials are being sold on the black market by cybercriminals. This incident at LinkedIn highlights not only the importance of changing passwords on a regular basis but also the risk of reusing passwords for different accounts. Remember, your password is your first line of defense. The following guidance will help keep your AES accounts and personal accounts secure:

- Change your passwords every 90 days.
- Use completely different passwords for each system or website you access.
- Do NOT use your AES email address and/or password for personal account creation on e-commerce, media, and blog sites.

If you have any questions about password security, please consult the AES Cyber Ninja Guide or contact your local cybersecurity team.

Regards,

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