

RSec, the 9-item Recalled Security Actions inventory

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Directions to give to participants:

Each statement below describes specific security measures that a person might put into action. Examples of security measures are laptop or tablet passwords, spam email reporting tools, software updates, secure web browsers, fingerprint ID, and anti-virus software.

Please indicate whether or not you recall engaging in any of the following security measures **in the past week**. In each case, make your choice in terms of what you can recall doing in the last several days and not in terms of what you wished you had done or intend to do in the future.

Response set:

2=Yes, 1=No, 1=Not Sure, 0=Not Applicable; Items marked with R should have the Yes and No/Not Sure answers reversed.

Items (randomize order if possible):

1. In the past week, I have left my laptop or desktop computer unlocked at least once when I walked away from it. (R)
2. In the past week, I have changed a password for at least one of my online accounts.
3. In the past week, I have verified the URL of at least one internet link that I received in email before deciding whether to click on it.
4. In the past week, I have downloaded and installed at least one available update for my computer's operating system within 24 hours of receiving a notification that it was available.
5. In the past week, I have verified that at least one app or software program that I use is fully updated.
6. In the past week, I have used the exact same password for at least two online accounts. (R)
7. In the past week, I have verified at least once that I am running antivirus software that is fully updated.
8. In the past week, I have used at least one password that contains 10 or more characters.
9. In the past week, I have used a password/passcode at least once to unlock my laptop or tablet.

Scoring: Take the sum of items 1 through 9.

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