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CenturyLink highlights safety tips for National Cyber Security Awareness Month

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MONROE, La., Oct. 5, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) is helping customers stay safer online, amidst industry-wide cyberthreat increases, by providing Internet security tips during National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). Customers can read about the latest security tips via CenturyLink's security blog: <http://news.centurylink.com/blogs/security>. In addition, customers can purchase CenturyLink's online security suite, **CenturyLink @Ease**, for computer support, identity theft protection, automatic cloud backup and antivirus services.

"Security is not a one-time fix, but rather an ongoing process of utilizing proper tools, being aware of current cyberthreats and educating yourself with the latest online security tips," said Dave Mahon, vice president and chief security officer at CenturyLink. "As one of the nation's largest broadband providers, we are equipping users with information to help keep them safer while they are online."

CenturyLink's Internet security blog provides customers with insight into key security issues. The blog suggests recommended steps to resolve potential security weaknesses, recover from industry-wide attacks and bolster customer's online security. Those tips include:

- Four ways to protect your data
- What to do after you've been hacked
- Online and social media safety
- Increasing security with passphrases versus passwords

Celebrated every October, NCSAM was created as a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure every American has the resources needed to stay safer and more secure online.

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