

# LEGAL SMART

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The mission of Legal Resources is to provide superior legal services to our members, enabling them to lead active, healthy and worry-free lives, free of major legal expenses.

*This Month's Edition includes:*

- > National Safer Internet Day
- > Trusted brands for generations
- > New data privacy laws and much more!



## Inside this issue...

### TIP OF THE MONTH



#### Secure Your Smart Home Devices

Smart home devices make life more convenient, but they also come with a certain amount of risk. Protect your Wi-Fi network to help keep hackers at bay. Use strong passwords, enable two-step authentication, check for software updates, and consider using a VPN to keep your IP address from being discovered.

#### #TrendingNow

Google is the most trusted brand among young adults.



#### Something Different

Data Privacy Laws are changing in 2020.



## Featured Story

### February 11th is National Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day (SID) promotes the safe and positive use of digital technology. Each year in February, millions of people participate in events and activities across the globe to help inspire positive changes online and raise awareness of online safety issues.

How can you participate? Start by having a family discussion about embracing digital safety and civility. Here are some great conversation starters:

- > You're searching online when an ad pops up. You click on it and it takes you away from the page you were on. What do you do?
- > You're using an app when you get a message from someone you don't know. What do you do?
- > You post a picture of someone else and they ask you to take it down. What do you do?
- > A friend asks you for the password to your laptop. What do you do?

Learn more about #SID2020 at [SaferInternetDay.us](https://www.SaferInternetDay.us)



# #TrendingNow

## Big Tech Earns Big Trust

According to a recent Morning Consult survey of the most trusted brands in America, Google is the most trusted brand among Gen Z adults (those born after 1997) and Millennials (born 1981-1996). Amazon and Netflix were also at the top of that list. Gen X adults and Boomers, on the other hand, put the United States Postal Service in that top spot.



<https://morningconsult.com/most-trusted-brands/>

# SOMETHING DIFFERENT

## New Data Privacy Laws for the New Year

Despite numerous key federal laws that have been put into place to safeguard our online privacy, data breaches are still a daily occurrence.

One huge change that may make a difference in 2020 is a new data privacy law called the California Consumer Protection Act, or CCPA. Residents of California now have the right to know:

- What personal data is being collected
- Details of how their data is being used
- Who their personal data is being sold to

They can also request that their information be deleted and not sold to third parties. While the CCPA is a California law and only covers residents of that state, consumers throughout the rest of the country will likely benefit. As many as 20 other states are currently working on different versions of the same law.

# DID YOU KNOW ?...

In addition to preparation and review of closing documents on the sale or purchase of your primary residence, non-sale real estate transactions provided for the Member are also one of our many fully covered services! That includes the review and preparation of quit claim deeds and deeds of transfer.

## CYBER CORNER

Scammers, hackers and identity thieves are looking to steal your personal information - and your money. But there are steps you can take to protect yourself, like keeping your computer software up-to-date and giving out your personal information only when you have good reason.

A few other tips to help keep yourself safe online include: Protecting your passwords, considering turning on Two-Factor Authentication, and backing up your files.

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0009-computer-security>



## Frequently Asked Questions



**Q:** I've just been promoted at work, and my family is relocating to another state. Can we deduct our moving expenses?

**A:** Fortunately for you, the IRS is pretty generous about moving expenses as long as you meet certain criteria, such as the distance between the two residences, as well as the length you've been in the new location! You can always check with your Plan Attorney if you have specific questions on the matter!

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