

## **Windows 7 - A Major Security Risk to SPC and You**

**Both Microsoft and SPC have ended support for the Windows 7 operating system running on computers. Microsoft ceased to support Windows 7 on January 14, 2020. So, if you're still using this operating system you have not been receiving any security updates, patches or bug fixes since that date. This means that any device running Windows 7 is vulnerable to malware, viruses, and other security risks. It also means that it is not compatible with many features of SPC's information systems and services.**

**We wish to inform you that in order to protect both you and the college, you should not use your SPC account to log in using any computer with Windows 7 installed on it. Please have the computer upgraded to Windows 10. The continued use of computers with the Windows 7 operating system places your SPC account and any connected resources or services at a high risk of being compromised.**

**All PCs accessing SPC resources should operate at a minimum of Windows Version 10. Consistent with SPC BOT policy, this applies to SPC-owned devices as well as personal PCs used to access SPC resources (both on campus and remotely).**

**For support in upgrading any college-owned computers to Windows 10, please contact the SPC Technical Support Center to assist in placing a Work Order or your local SPC Campus Support Technician.**

**For personally owned computers running Windows 7 or older. They need to be upgraded or replaced in accordance with Microsoft's guidance at the link provided below:**

**<https://www.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/windows-7-end-of-life-support-information>**

**Technical Support Center**

**727-791-2795 Staff line**

**727-341-4357 Student line**

**<https://support.spcollege.edu/SitePages/Home.aspx>**