










CORONAVIRUS CYBER SAFETY TIPS AND TRICKS

While we all practice social distancing, it is important to remember to practice Internet safety, too. With cyber scams related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on the rise, the following tips can help keep you and your family and friends safe online.

Be on the lookout for COVID-19 related emails, websites, and social media posts that may contain malicious attachments or hyperlinks. Bad actors create these communications with the hopes of deceiving you into divulging your sensitive information.

Remember these helpful tips to avoid falling victim to cyber scams:

-  Do not click on links in unsolicited emails and be cautious before opening any email attachments.
-  Be wary of electronic communications claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and other health care or government authorities offering information about the virus.
-  Report any suspicious COVID-19 workplace policy e-mails to your IT department. Cybercriminals use these scams to trick you into downloading malicious software.
-  Be alert for messages that request your personal information in exchange for financial relief or other government-issued benefits. Government agencies will not reach out to you electronically for this information.
-  Beware of URLs with misspellings or extra words. Scammers add characters or words to what appears to be a real website to trick you into thinking the website is legitimate.
-  Make sure to verify a charity's authenticity before making a donation.
-  Use legitimate, government websites for up-to-date information about COVID-19.



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