

Cyber Shield

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OCTOBER IS CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Always be on the lookout for these types of scams!

Tech Support – Be cautious if someone reaches out suddenly requesting payment or remote access to repair computer issues or remove malware.

Impersonation – Verify you are speaking to a legitimate representative of the organization. Never give out personal information or passwords.

Employment – Be aware of deceptive job applications promising fully remote work and huge salaries.

Home Utilities – Scammers can pretend to be your utility company, threatening to shut off your services unless you pay immediately.

Fake Website – Verify the site is legitimate. Logging on to a fake website could allow scammers to steal your username and password.

Online Shopping – Be aware of sellers from social media platforms offering prices too good to be true.

BEC – Business Email Compromise
A payment scam that uses legitimate business email accounts to conduct unauthorized wire transfers.

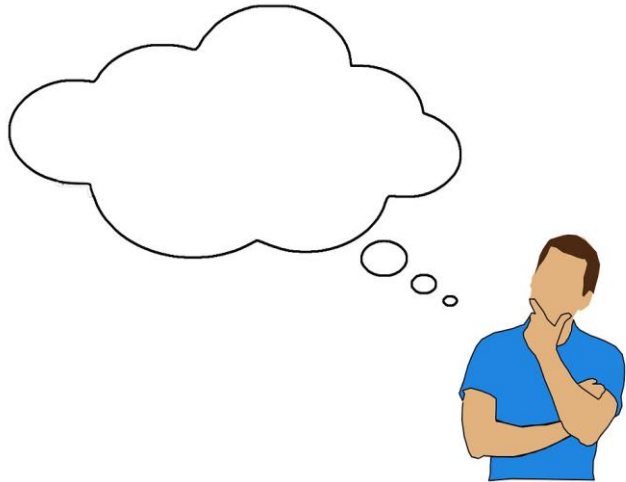
SCAM RED FLAG

Unexpected Contact – Sudden, from someone you do not know.

Urgency – Request to take action immediately with little explanation or ones that don't make sense.

Odd Payments– Requests to purchase gift cards or

requesting a code for deposits.



TAKE THE CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS CHALLENGE! DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS?

Test your knowledge! Play the Magic 8 Ball Cyber Security Game

<https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cdse/multimedia/games/cyber-magic-ball-game.ppsx>



Security is everyone's responsibility. If something doesn't look right, it probably isn't. Don't fall victim to the latest scams.



FTC data shows consumers reported losing nearly \$9 billion to fraud in 2022



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