

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

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CSO's MESSAGE

Governor Carney has declared October Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Delaware. Technology increasingly plays a part in all aspects of our daily lives. Recent events have shown us how quickly everything can be disrupted when cybercriminals and adversaries use technology to do harm.

Cyber Security Awareness Month aims to shed light on these security vulnerabilities and offer guidance and actions anyone can take to protect themselves and their organizations.

CIO Jason Clarke recently stated, "Cyber experts have warned that during the COVID-19 pandemic cybercrime was up 600% and email is the primary entry point for the vast majority... That is why it is critical for each of us to stay vigilant... by learning what we can do to keep our information secure. This year's theme focuses on 'Who's Tracking You?' to highlight potential pitfalls of location services and settings. You can learn more about this and other cyber best practices at any of the events and workshops, including Secure Delaware, planned throughout October."

Collectively we are the first line of defense in the war against cybercrime. We must stay vigilant by learning what we can do to keep our information secure. There are numerous educational opportunities available to all Delawareans this month.

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WHO'S TRACKING YOU?

Everyone is invited to celebrate Cybersecurity Awareness month this October. Cyber threats are on the rise and expected to grow as we embrace more technologies in our lives. Our theme is "**Who's Tracking You,?**" a reminder that your personal information is valued and desired by cyber thieves.

There are many ways to #BeCyberSmart, and DTI and our partners are excited to share the fun and interactive activities we have planned, both face-to-face and virtual. Read on for cyber security activities happening throughout the month.

- Start your journey by finding all things cyber-related at <https://digiknow.delaware.gov> including a special page for events happening in Delaware.
- If you have a 4th grader in your life, encourage their school to sign up for our virtual 4th grade cyber safety presentations. By delivering the presentations virtually, we can expand the number of schools and children that can receive this information. Schools will be able to register in October at <https://cyberschool.dti.delaware.gov/>.
- Find cyber tips on Twitter @DeldigiKNOW. Look for cyber safety video clips at certain movie theaters and on some Coinstar machines.
- **Secure Delaware** is scheduled for October 28th and you can join either face-to-face or virtually, making it accessible to all! This is a full day session of cyber security information and learning. Breakout sessions feature different tracks for various levels of cyber knowledge. More details and registration can be found on the events page at <https://digiknow.delaware.gov>.

Additionally, Cyber Security Awareness for Seniors presentations and onsite cyber experts will be available statewide in certain libraries. The presentations will be live and virtual. DTI and partners will be on hand at several locations to answer individuals' cyber safety-related questions. Find the locations at digiknow.dti.delaware.gov events page.

With all of the cyber threats facing us today, the more you know, the better prepared you will be. Take advantage of these many offerings to learn more about "**Who's Tracking You,?**" and how to stop them in their tracks.