DigiKnow
CYBER SECURITY DEPENDS ON YOU

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 29, 2024, IS DELAWARE's 15TH ANNUAL CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP

The Department of Technology and Information (DTI) is excited to announce the **SECURE DELAWARE** conference for 2024, at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (**Cyber Security in Delaware - DigiKnow**) This in-person event provides cybersecurity learning and networking opportunities for hundreds of professionals in government, large and small businesses, as well as community leaders and students.

New this year is *Secure Delaware's* own **Capture the Flag Competition.** Compete with the best for bragging rights and the chance to win great prizes.
Breakfast and Lunch are provided, as well as conference promotional items and a chance to win raffle items.

For more information and to register, go to: **Secure Delaware**

TIME TO KNOW THE BAD GUYS

Delaware's **mandatory** annual security awareness training program kicked off on September 30. All users with state email addresses are required to complete annual training. The training will always come from Chief Security Office (**eSecurity@Delaware.gov).**

Why is this so important?

Phishing and social engineering are the number one attack vectors. Phishing is when a scammer sends a fraudulent email pretending to be a legitimate sender to access the recipient's personal identifying information. Losing your credentials through phishing is like giving the bad guys the keys to walk through the door to your house. Clicking on a bad guy's link is like holding their hand and walking them through the front door.

State's funding source. For the first time this year, companies that lend money to the state to run our government services are paying attention to security awareness training and are asking for evidence that our employees are completing these training programs. Failure to complete this training represents a risk to our Bond financers and can impact our organizations' access to funding.

Cyber Insurance. It cost more than $18 million to recover the city of Baltimore's network after a devastating cyber-attack. Delaware, like

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

October 2024 marks the 21st national Cybersecurity Awareness Month. (CSAM) Over the past two decades it has grown into a collaborative effort between government and industry to enhance cybersecurity awareness. Encouraging actions by the public to reduce online risk has enduring value for everyone.

Locally, DTI is sponsoring several cybersecurity events for Active Adults, Seniors, and Students. DTI staff and community volunteers provide educational, fun, interactive presentations for Fourth graders statewide. Schools can opt for live in-person classroom sessions or can present pre-recorded videos.

Active Adult/Senior presentations will occur in all three counties. Participating venues include Milford Senior Center, Lewes Senior Center, Lewes Library,
Siegel Jewish Community Center, Newark Senior Center, Middletown Council Chambers, Ocean View Police Department, Bethany Beach Library, and the Modern Maturity Center in Dover.

Solomon Adote
Chief Security Officer

many states across the country, acquire cyber insurance to assist us should we be required to recover from a massive ransomware attack. The companies that provide these insurance policies are now paying attention. Failure to complete security awareness training programs or poor phishing campaign results reflects a risk to them and therefore can lead to a loss in policy, reduction in insurance levels or a significant increase in premiums.

Failure to complete your security awareness training or falling for simulated phishing tests can be costly. State leaders are paying attention.

TIP:

DO NOT FORWARD a suspected phish to another employee or to IT. It would be marked as a failure to detect the Phish. Use the **Phish Alert Button** to safely report it or delete the message right away.

On newer Outlook Clients, the button may be hidden within the ellipsis option.

Phish Alert Report

Phish Alert
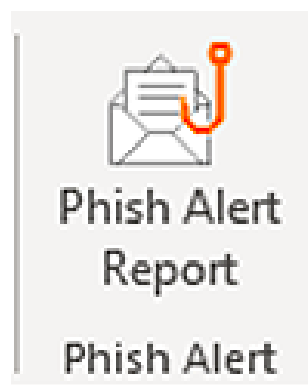
READ MORE CYBERSECURITY NEWS at DIGIKNOW!

Department of Technology and Information
Contact us at **esecurity@delaware.gov**

Delaware Dept. of Technology and Information | 801 Silver Lake Blvd. | Dover, DE 19904 US