2022 Cybersecurity Awareness Month Wrap-Up

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We would like to thank you for following our Cybersecurity Awareness campaign this past month! Your continued commitment and support help play a part in keeping our network safe.

In the past month we have seen a variety of threats and in many ways, you were able to identify and prevent becoming a victim! Thank you for being cautious and reporting your experiences with us.

A sampling of the scams reported to us in October over a two-week period:

- Scam phone call - the phone number on the caller ID only had nine digits
- E-mail showing "proof of payment" from "Accounts Payable"
- Email from "PayPal" thanking the recipient for a monthly investment.
- A flashing alert on my computer from "Microsoft HELP"
- A text message stating I made a transaction on my Pay Pal account, and I needed to purchase gift cards.

Please continue to be conscientious of potential scams, not just this month but all year long! If something is concerning, please take the time, to pause and reach out to us. We can assist in double-checking if something is legitimate.

We kicked off this year's campaign and covered a variety of topics. We hope you have gained a better understanding of ways to stay safe online thru our weekly themes.

MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Take advantage of the extra layer of protection by enabling MFA on all your accounts - email, banking, and social media. If you don't have an @ssndcp.org email account we highly recommend signing up for one to get the benefit of added security with Microsoft 365 offerings, including file backup with OneDrive.

PASSWORDS

Build strong passwords using memorable sentences or phrases. Always have a different password for each account and utilize a password manager, such as LastPass, to document and organize all your passwords.

TEXTING(SMISHING) SCAMS

If you receive an unexpected text (or email), even if it's from a company you are familiar with, refrain from clicking on a link or responding. Real companies never request your information via text or email. In case you fall victim, please reach out to IT at helpdesk@ssndcp.org or 1-800-373-7521

PHISHING

See the signs of a "phish" – is the grammar poor, is there a sense of urgency, a request for information or anything else strange? If you take a few seconds to analyze communications – text, email, or social media posts, you can recognize and report (to your email provider as well as to our help desk).

We have recognized cybersecurity awareness month for many years with a variety of topics to help us play a part in staying safe online. In an effort to make finding our security-related articles easier, we reorganized our [security awareness section](#) and also put together the previous years' content on our [security awareness archive section](#).

If you have any questions or would like to share feedback, please reach out to us at 1-800-373-7521 or helpdesk@ssndcp.org.