

2024 Cybersecurity Awareness Month Wrap-Up

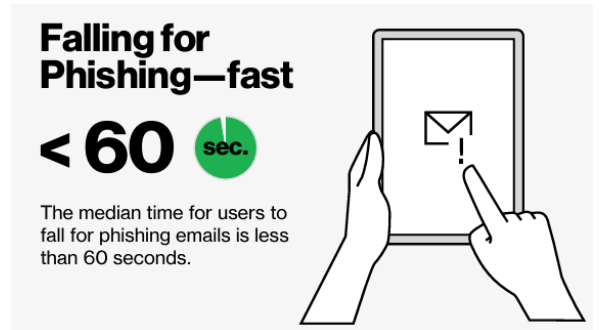
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We would like to thank you for following our Cybersecurity Awareness campaign this past month! Your continued commitment and support help play a part in keeping our network safe.

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 users experienced just recently -

- Scam pop-ups on computers claiming to be from “Microsoft, with a warning that you need to call them.
- E-mail (fake receipts) claiming payments were made via Amazon, PayPal or to others.
- A call or popup from Microsoft, asking if you are trying to authenticate/login when you made no such attempts at that moment.
- A request for money or help with a purchase from someone who you are familiar with and it actually came from their email (although it was not them due to their account being compromised).



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 for those sixty seconds and reach out to us if needed. 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.

[A CONVINCING POP-UP](#)

[We invite you to listen in on an interview](#) where a Sister was willing to share her story with our team, describing how a convincing pop-up had her call "Microsoft" and what she learned from the experience.

[SCAM STORIES](#)

Twas a dark and stormy night, and the IT team stood patiently waiting for their next help desk call. [“Tell us a tale” we asked, and Sister Joanne magically appeared to unveil two stories from her past.](#)

[WHY YOU NEED A PASSWORD MANAGER](#)

In this digital age, managing passwords can feel overwhelming. Ditch the Post-its and notebooks and learn how using a password manager can benefit you. landscape! [Learn more about empowering your online security](#)

[MOBILE DEVICE SECURITY \(POP-UPS\)](#)

The popularity of games on your tablets and smartphones are a great source of entertainment. Along with them, come pop-up ads. Although, pop-up ads do not have the capability to directly hack or release viruses onto your device, [they can still be malicious.](#)

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 or hear about any other topics please reach out to us at 1-800-373-7521 or helpdesk@ssndcp.org.