

## 2021 NCSAM National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

### #BeCyberSmart

Dear state of Tennessee employee,

Every October, we celebrate Cybersecurity Awareness Month and work to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. Led by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), Cybersecurity Awareness Month shares information on how to stay safe online. #BeCyberSmart encourages everyone to own their role in cybersecurity, stressing personal accountability and the importance of being proactive.

See Governor Lee's proclamation [here](#), located on [#CyberSafeTN](#).

The past year and a half has made us even more dependent on the internet. Everyone moved more online than ever before - to work, serve citizens, conduct business, even socialize or to simply have fun.

While an increased online presence can be positive, Cybersecurity Awareness Month encourages everyone to take increased ownership of enhanced online activity and the important security practices that come along with it. The virtual safety of our community and ultimately our nation depends on our personal online safety practices.

As you know, cybersecurity is important to Tennessee and we are committed to helping our employees become more resilient.

Throughout October you will learn how to:

### **Be Cyber Smart**

Take simple actions to keep our digital lives secure.

### **Fight the Phish!**

Highlight the dangers of phishing attempts—which can lead to ransomware or other malware attacks—and how to report suspicious emails.

### **Explore. Experience. Share.**

Celebrate National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education's (NICE) Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week and the global Cybersecurity workforce and highlight how individuals can learn how to become a security professional.

### **Think Cybersecurity First**

Explore how cybersecurity and staying safe online is increasingly important as our world continues to operate virtually for so much of work and play.

We should all approach cybersecurity with care in owning, securing, and protecting all our online accounts and information. Tennessee offers these resources that you can utilize to keep yourself safe online:

- CISA's Cybersecurity Awareness Month Website: [cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month](https://cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month)
- CISA's Cyber Essentials – basic cyber best practices for business leaders: [cisa.gov/cyber-essentials](https://cisa.gov/cyber-essentials)
- Learn about careers in cyber with the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies: [niccs.cisa.gov](https://niccs.cisa.gov)

If you have more questions about how Tennessee is getting involved in this year's Cyber security Awareness Month Campaign, or want to get more involved please contact us [here](#).

Remember: always trust your instincts. If an email, phone call or an attachment seem suspicious, don't let your curiosity put your computer at risk! If you see or hear something cyber suspicious, please contact the STS Customer Care Center at 615-741-1001.

Best regards to all,

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