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Week 1 - Do Your Part #BeCyberSmart

There are currently an estimated 5.2 billion internet users or 63% of the world's population use the internet daily. This number will continue to grow, making cybersecurity more important than ever.

- Cybersecurity is the responsibility of everyone using an internet-connected device.
- Cybersecurity is very important to the State of Tennessee, as a large government organization; we are a target 24/7.
- Cybersecurity is essential to all businesses no matter their size and to all people.

Cybersecurity starts with YOU and is everyone's responsibility.

Cybercrime - What is it?

We don't often consider whether the people we interact with online might be breaking the law. But legal wrongdoing is just as prevalent on the internet as it is in the physical world.

Cybercrime is any crime, including but not limited to theft, fraud and impersonation and criminal activities carried out by means of computers or the internet.

Examples

- Identity theft
- Financial theft
- Intellectual property violations
- Malware
- Malicious social engineering

Why should you care?

- Crime is a danger in the cyber world and the real world, offline and on!
- Cyber self-defense or cyber defense basics will help keep you and your data out of the hands of bad actors.

We all want a safer world to live in and it's clear that computers and other internet-connected devices are part of that world. Being safe on the computer is often very similar to being safe in your daily offline routine. You wouldn't leave your car unlocked in the middle of a crowded city – so why not apply those same safety principles to your online life?

You are a part of Cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity is how we protect information and information systems from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification or destruction in order to provide confidentiality, integrity and availability.

Cybersecurity is achieved through implementing technical, management and operational controls designed to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information. Your continued investment in participating in this year's information security training class will help drive the actions and activities that will help to sustain a culture of cybersecurity at the state.

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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