

## 2022 NCSAM National Cybersecurity Awareness Month



### #SeeYourselfInCyber

Dear State of Tennessee employee,

Every October, we observe National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, sharing information on how to stay safe online.

See Governor Lee's proclamation [here](#).

This year's campaign theme — "See Yourself in Cyber" — demonstrates that everyone is responsible for their own online behavior. #SeeYourselfInCyber encourages you to own your role in cybersecurity, stressing personal accountability and the importance of being proactive, focusing on ensuring all individuals and organizations make smart decisions whether on the job, at home or at school – now and in the future.

We encourage you to engage in this year's efforts by creating your own cyber awareness campaigns and sharing this message with your networks. While an increased online presence can be positive, Cybersecurity Awareness Month encourages everyone to take increased ownership of enhanced online activity and important security practices that come with it. The virtual safety of our community and ultimately our nation depends on our personal online safety practices.

Throughout October you will learn more about using some key tools:

- Multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Strong passwords
- Recognizing and reporting phishing
- Updating your software

Cyber security is woven into our everyday lives. It can be hard to change old habits, but there are ways to make it easier.

For a solid cyber posture at home, work and when mobile, we must put processes and security measures in place as preventive measures and take extra steps to ensure our information is safe everywhere it is used or stored. The State of Tennessee faces a wide range of threats in a changing landscape, but by focusing on a few key aspects we can each make a big impact toward greatly reduce these threats.

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: <https://www.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)

To help further with Tennessee's cyber security posture, the TN Cybersecurity Advisory Council has committed to expanding a “whole-of-government” approach to include local governments and citizens. With this goal in mind, the Tennessee Cyber Hub at <https://cybersafetn.gov> was launched to increase security awareness and improve practices across public sector entities in Tennessee.

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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