

CLICK THINKING

Quick insights for protecting yourself and your company from online threats

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RANSOMWARE

Ransomware is a type of malicious software that threatens to block access to a user's data unless a ransom is paid.

It seems as though ransomware attacks are always making headlines.

But you don't have to become a victim!

These helpful facts will arm you with the information you need to steer clear of ransomware attacks.

If you have questions or would like additional information or training, please reach out to your program administrator.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Ransomware developers target older computer systems because they're easy to infect. Keeping your system up to date can prevent their efforts.
- If you're not sure if your system is up to date, check with your technology support team.
- Keeping back-up files on a separate device or in the cloud is a guaranteed way to avoid losing data.
- Malicious links in phishing emails are how ransomware is delivered. Never click on a link in a suspicious email.
- Phishing emails are designed to trick the reader into thinking they're legitimate. They may have a sense of urgency, promise something too good to be true or appear to come from a trusted source.
- If an email feels even a little off, err on the side of caution. Do not respond or click any links within the email. Instead, notify your information security team.
- If you do click on a ransomware link, press and hold down your device's off button for several seconds. This can prevent it from spreading. Then notify information security immediately.

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