

Cybersecurity Awareness Month ^[1]





In today's digital age, cybersecurity is more crucial than ever. Cybersecurity Ventures estimates that the global annual cost of cybercrime will hit \$10.5 trillion by 2025.

Win \$100 Cash!

Complete the Information Security Awareness training in October 2024, for a chance to win \$100 cash (taxes covered)! Ten winners will be chosen at random.

[Learn More](#) ^[2]

This October, the University of Colorado is excited to support Cybersecurity Awareness Month once again. This global initiative aims to highlight essential practices for safeguarding both personal and university-sensitive information.

Use this Cybersecurity Awareness Month as a chance to review and enhance your digital security measures.

Webinars

Digital Citizenship and the Top Cybersecurity Risks to Our Community

Ben Edelen, Chief Information Security Officer for the Colorado Dept. of State, presented on Oct. 8. He discussed how cybersecurity now needs to be a life skill, and those skills can come from unexpected places. Hosted by UCCS Cybersecurity Programs. *The recording is now available.*

[Watch recording](#) ^[3]

Cybersecurity Roundtable: Phishing, AI, and Protecting Your Data

CU's information security officers presented on Oct. 15. They shared best practices for protecting your valuable information. Hosted by CU Anschutz/CU Denver Information Security and IT Compliance. The webinar was accessible exclusively through live streaming.

[Learn more](#) ^[4]

Surviving Ransomware

Charlie Marmon, Colorado Cybersecurity State Coordinator for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, presented on Oct. 24. He explored recent ransomware events in Colorado, their impact to organizations and what we can do to protect ourselves. Hosted by CU Boulder IT Security. *The recording is now available.*

[Watch recording](#) ^[5]

Highlighted Articles on Best Practices

Implementing cybersecurity best practices is important to protect personal, financial and sensitive information at work, school, and home.

Understanding Threat of Cybercrime at Work ^[6]

This CU Connections story highlights how CU information security teams help counter a wide variety of attempts.

Avoid Being a Phishing Scam Victim ^[7]

Phishing scams are a leading cause of security breaches in education. Cybercriminals use tactics like fake links, emotional manipulation, and impersonation to trick you into sharing sensitive information. Stay alert and learn how to recognize these scams.

Can Your Passwords Withstand Cybercrime? ^[8]

Cybercriminals are well aware that people often use simple and reused passwords across multiple accounts. Creating strong, unique passwords and keeping them secure is essential for protecting personal and sensitive university data.

Multi-Factor Authentication: Added Protection from Cybercrime ^[9]

Is MFA worth it? Absolutely! MFA adds an extra layer of security, making it significantly harder for cybercriminals to access your accounts.

Explore Resources on Using Artificial Intelligence at CU ^[10]

While AI can provide valuable capabilities, it's crucial to remain proactive and informed about potential risks. Know these key tips and campus resources to help you stay secure and keep CU data protected.

Why You Should Consider a Cybersecurity Career ^[11]

Cybersecurity is one of the hottest sectors today, with new threats and challenges emerging each day.

Stay Secure, Stay Connected

If you have questions or concerns about cybersecurity, please contact your campus information security team. Our experts are ready to help.

About Information Security on Your Campus

Each campus employs an information security officer along with other security staff to safeguard data. They evaluate risks, implement security protocols, and address security incidents.

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About the Office of Information Security

OIS, part of System Administration, collaborates with campuses to offer services and expertise that ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data across the university.

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Reporting a Security Incident

An information security incident involves unauthorized access, loss, or exposure of sensitive university data. Reporting incidents quickly helps contain risks and protect the university.

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