

10 Tips to Keep Cybercriminals Out While Coronavirus Keeps You In

Major events like the Coronavirus pandemic create new opportunities for cybercriminals to exploit, but smart defense doesn't let them. These tips can help keep systems and data safer in uncertain times.

Get the facts.

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Stay away from the rumor mill and use information from reliable sources to make business decisions in chaotic times.

Think twice before clicking links.

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Make sure staffers are on the lookout for suspicious links that can lead to ransomware.

Be suspicious of unexpected attachments.

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Ensure users only open attachments from proven, trusted sources no matter how "official" that attachment looks.

Automate compliance.

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Have one less thing to worry about by choosing a dynamic web portal system that keeps track of everything.

Protect those passwords.

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Encourage safe password practices like using a password manager and not writing them on sticky notes.

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Beware of strange networks.

Make staffers aware of the dangers of logging in from insecure public and home WiFi networks and how to use them safely.

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Ask for help.

Consult a security expert to plan effective strategies and get innovative solutions.

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Stay current on threats.

Work with a responsive partner that's on top of today's challenges.

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Keep an eye on the bad guys.

Monitor the Dark Web to watch for company data so a problem can be addressed before it becomes a crisis.

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Use two-factor authentication.

An extra layer of security keeps passwords and data safe.

