



**Protecting against cyber threats is a critical challenge for organizations of all sizes, whether public or private.**

Statistics like the ones below serve as a constant reminder of the need to promote cybersecurity awareness and the importance of empowering everyone to improve their cybersecurity practices and preparedness.

- 55% of the world's PC's are running outdated software
- Phishing attacks account for more than 80% of reported security incidents
- 95% of cybersecurity breaches are due to human error
- Data breaches cost enterprises an average of \$3.92 million

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a global effort to help everyone stay protected whenever and however they connect. It's also a reminder that being more secure online is a shared responsibility, and creating a safer cyber environment requires engagement from everyone.

This year's primary effort is to encourage everyone to take proactive steps to enable lasting, positive cybersecurity behavior change at home and work. During October, use the information and resources the following organizations provide to make sure you and those around you are as safe as you can be.

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month is co-led by the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. For more information about ways to keep you and your family safe online, visit <https://staysafeonline.org/cybersecurity-awareness-month/> and/or [cisa.gov/ncsam](https://cisa.gov/ncsam).