

Risk Control Technical Bulletin

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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

October 1st marks the start of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM). This year's theme is "**Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart.**" Statewide Insurance Fund continues to emphasize the need for individuals and members to embrace their role in protecting their part of cyberspace by stressing personal accountability and the importance of taking proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity. We are asking you to take this opportunity to encourage each employee to take ownership of the critical role they play in ensuring everyone is safer and more secure online.

Remember, we all have a duty to do our part and **#BeCyberSmart.**

The Fund will be sending out weekly content during October that covers a variety of key topics in line with this year's theme.

Week 1: Be Cyber Smart

The first week of Cybersecurity Awareness Month will explore cybersecurity fundamentals: how simple actions can help secure your digital lives, improve the security of internet-connected devices, and how other fundamentals can help reduce cyber risks so that everyone can "Be Cyber Smart."

Week 2: Phight the Phish

The second week of Cybersecurity Awareness Month will focus on how individuals can spot potential phishing attempts—which often lead to ransomware or other types of malware attacks. The Fund continues to conduct Phishing campaigns for our members throughout the year in our efforts to help employees reduce their chances of falling victim to a phishing attack.

Week 3: Cybersecurity Path

The National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) will promote careers and skill training for individuals looking to enhance their cybersecurity education.

Week 4: Cybersecurity First

This week emphasizes how cybersecurity is a year-round effort and should be one of the first considerations when onboarding new hires and training existing employees. Cybersecurity should be a priority and not an afterthought.

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