



## Hello CSU Community!

This week's cybersecurity awareness month topic covers Phishing and Ransomware.

Phishing is when criminals use fake emails to lure you into clicking on them and handing over your personal information, or installing malware (software with bad intent) on your device. Ransomware is a type of malware and just as it sounds, once installed, it will hold your system hostage for ransom. However, it's easy to avoid phishing and ransomware once you know what to look for.

**Think Before You Click:** The signs can be subtle, but once you recognize a phishing or ransomware attempt you can avoid falling for it. Here are some quick tips on how to clearly spot a fake phishing or ransomware email:

- Contains an offer that's too good to be true
- Language that's urgent, alarming, or threatening
- Poorly-crafted writing with misspellings, and bad grammar
- Greetings that are ambiguous or very generic
- Requests to send personal information
- Urgency to click on an unfamiliar hyperlinks or attachment
- Strange or abrupt business requests
- Sending e-mail doesn't match the company who it's supposed to be coming from

**Oh no! I see a phishing email. What do I do?** Don't worry, you've already done the hard part which is recognizing that an email is fake and part of a criminal's phishing expedition.

Report any suspicious email right from your Outlook inbox:

1. Open the malicious email message (do not click on any links within the message).
2. At the top of the message, click on Report Message.
3. Click on the appropriate malicious email type (e.g. Phishing).

For more detailed instructions, visit [Managing Spam and Junk Email in Microsoft 365](#).

## Watch: The Phishing & Ransomware Stats



## Week Two Event Calendar:



**October 10-17**

National Cyber League Practice Games



**October 12**

Defense, Federal, and Controlled Unclassified Information Research Security Session



**October 13  
FTC campus**

Hashdump Security Club presents Phishing and Ransomware



**October 14  
FTC Campus**

Festival on the Oval - Cybersecurity Fun and Games

## Cybersecurity Awareness Listserv

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## CSU's Information Security Policies:

### Fort Collins Campus

- [Information Security Policy](#)
- [Acceptable Use for Computing and Networking Resources Policy](#)

### Pueblo Campus

- [Acceptable Use Policy for Technology Resources](#)
- [Pueblo Technology Policies](#)

## Week Three Event Preview:

### Calling *All* Students Interested in Cybersecurity

Are you interested to learn more about working in cybersecurity? Then this is the panel discussion for you! Come meet our Pueblo and Fort Collins cybersecurity internship team. Learn about their academic backgrounds, personal interests, and the security work they do to protect CSU.



System CISO and members of the CSU Pueblo and Fort Collins Cybersecurity Internship Team pause for a picture while attending the Southern Colorado Regional Cybersecurity and IT Conference in September 2022.

Learn more about cybersecurity at each campus.

Fort Collins visit: [it.colostate.edu/cybersecurity](https://it.colostate.edu/cybersecurity)

Pueblo visit: <https://www.csupueblo.edu/information-technology/security/index.html>

