

## October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

## Cybertips of the Week



- Using updated antivirus software assists in protecting against ransomware attacks. Cybercriminals find it easier to exploit devices that are not protected.
- De wary of emails with attachments or links. Many ransomware attacks start when a user unsuspectingly opens a malicious URL or attachment and executes malware on the device.
- Disable browser pop-ups or use an ad blocker. Ransomware can be delivered to your device by fake advertisements such as antivirus installers.
- Always verify links before you open them. Never click on a link if you cannot identify the destination. Your search engine can be used to authenticate the content.
- Use bookmarks. Criminals often create fake sites. Bookmarking a site safeguards against visiting the wrong one.
- Don't automatically trust messages from anyone. Criminals can compromise even familiar accounts to deliver phishing messages and malware. Don't automatically trust messages from anyone. Criminals can compromise even familiar accounts to deliver phishing messages and malware.
- Keep your personal information private. Scammers can use publicly available information to create messages which seem more genuine, to lure you into a false sense of security.