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DTI eSecurity News — Wishing You a Secure New Year

Giving Back in the Digital World

"Bells will be ringing..." So starts a beloved holiday song. It's the season for making memories, enjoying family and friends, and being thankful for what we have.

Many of us share our good fortune during the holidays by contributing to charities at year's end. Sadly, hackers are more than willing to share our contributions too. Here are some tips for making sure your dollars go to those in need.

Phony charities abound. Many have names that sound quite similar to those of legitimate charities so it's important to research an organization before you make a donation.

One of the best known charitable monitoring sites is www.charitynavigator.com. It's a free site that provides in-depth information on thousands of organizations. It will also show you how much of the charity's donations go towards its charitable purposes and how much goes to administrative expenses and salaries.

Remember that you can never be sure who really is contacting you when you get a telephone call, text message or e-mail purporting to be from a legitimate charity. If you are inclined to give, contact the charity directly at a website or telephone number that you know is real in order to make your donation.

"Best of the Web" 2014 Winner

DTI's website http://digiknow.delaware.gov was voted the best state government site for promoting cyber security awareness and information by the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC). The "new and improved" site offers the latest information on cyber security news, events, videos and tools.

This is the 5th year of the contest. Delaware has come in first place in 2010, 2012, and 2014.

How to Report an Incident

Report work-related incidents promptly to your Information Security Officer (ISO). To find out who your ISO is, email our eSecurity office. Refer to the Delaware MS-ISAC Reference Card for more information on what to report.

Internet-related crime, like any other crime, should be reported to appropriate law enforcement investigative authorities at the local, state, federal, or international levels, depending on the scope of the crime. Citizens who are aware of federal crimes should report them to local offices of federal law enforcement.

See our incident reporting webpage to find out more about reporting procedures.

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