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## DTI eSecurity News – Avoiding Spring Scams and Summer Tech Fun for Kids

### Seasons Change and So Do Scams



The spring scam season is in full swing. Whether it is a phony telephone caller, a drive-by home improvement person who is unethical, or any one of a number of email phishers, scam artists abound.

Fresh this season are emails that appear to be from the IRS claiming they need information from your recently filed tax return; letters or emails announcing unclaimed Powerball winnings just waiting for you; and of course, the contractor who is “in the neighborhood” and ready to save you thousands on a high tech home alarm system.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is even warning about an email with the subject line “Pending Consumer Complaint.” This email looks like it’s from the FTC and claims that someone has filed a complaint against you and you need to take immediate action.

### Heartbleed Bug



Heartbleed is a vulnerability that allows hackers to connect to a webserver and harvest passwords and logins. This bug has been in existence for 2 years but was just uncovered in April 2014. It doesn’t affect your computer directly; instead it affects websites you visit like Facebook and Gmail. See the latest list of [affected sites](#).

#### Take these steps to protect yourself:

- Change your password on sites that were vulnerable, but that have since patched their servers.
- Create a NEW unique and strong password for each account, that way if one site is compromised your other accounts are still safe.
- If you have too many passwords to remember, use a [Password Manager](#) to help keep track of them all.

### STOPPING the Scammers

- Avoid any activities/proposals asking for money to be wired or deposited on Green Dot pre-paid cash cards. The cards are a favorite of online and phone scammers alike.
- The IRS, banks, and other financial institutions will NOT ask you to provide account or social security numbers in an email response.
- Always ask for business and insurance licenses and referrals from any contractor who shows up at your door.
- Report suspicious activities/calls/emails to the Attorney General’s office or other legal authorities.

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### Summer Tech Fun for Kids

Do you have an aspiring astronomer, scientist, engineer or tech guru at home? Here are a few “Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)” style [summer camps in Delaware](#).

- [Destination Mars](#)  
Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation
- [Mind Storm Robotics](#)  
Delaware State University
- [Computer Camp for Kids](#)  
Delaware Technical Community College
- [Introduction to Game Programming](#)  
Cab Calloway Summer School of the Arts
- [Marvelous Microbes](#)  
Kent County 4-H
- [Rockin Rockets](#)  
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