

BUSINESSSAFE

BusinessSafe is designed to aid businesses in protecting the safety and well-being of Florida's residents and visitors from threats. BusinessSafe provides private sector partners with open source information, analysis and resources to help protect their businesses and communities.

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BusinessSafe Russia Cyber Threat Tips & Resources

There is currently no known credible cyber threat to Florida from Russia. However, cyberattacks by Russia against Ukraine have the potential to spread. Tactics used in the past by Russian actors include phishing, malware deployment, distributed denial of service, compromising remote desktop protocol, and others. Below are some tips and resources that organizations can use to limit the potential of being affected by cyberattacks.

Tips to Protect Yourself and Your Organization:

- Ensure software is up-to-date on all devices and implement software security patches when released.
- Create strong passwords – Use passwords that have at least 15 characters with a combination of lowercase letters, uppercase letters, punctuation marks, and other symbols. Don't use default passwords and don't share passwords. Instead, ensure that each user has their own unique log-in. Change passwords at least every 3 to 6 months. Use multi-factor authentication where possible.
- Do not click on unsolicited email links and attachments. The easiest way for someone to get unauthorized access to your network is for you to give it to them. Never click on email links and never download attached files unless they are from trusted sources. Reach out to verify the authenticity of the email if you receive something unexpected, even if it's from someone you know.
- Follow your organization's information security policies. Train employees on these policies and cyber safety regularly.
- Use updated antivirus and firewalls. If your business allows remote access, make sure it is secured and requires a unique log-in to access.
- Monitor your networks for unusual activity, and backup important files on a regular basis off the network.



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Steps you can take if experiencing a cyberattack:

- If your organization experiences a data breach, network intrusion or ransomware attack, contact your local police department, the [Florida Department of Law Enforcement](#), or the nearest [Federal Bureau of Investigation \(FBI\) field office](#).
- Other unusual cyber activity can be reported to the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#), the [FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center](#) or [Florida Department of Law Enforcement Computer Crimes Center](#).

Additional resources:

- Visit [Shields Up](#) and [StopRansomware.gov](#) for information and resources related to protecting your organization.
- The Federal Trade Commission offers information and reporting resources regarding [How To Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams](#) and [Cybersecurity for Small Businesses](#).
- For more cyber safety information or to schedule a free cybersecurity awareness training class, visit [SecureFlorida.org](#).



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