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Stay Sharp: Cybercrime Continues to Rise



One of the side effects of the pandemic last year was the abundance of free time many of us experienced. But while many of us caught up on our Netflix queues or maybe tackled those to-do projects that had been put off, cybercriminals took the opportunity to refine their skills. They were so proficient that the FBI reported a 70 percent increase of Internet-based crime from 2019*.

As a part of the generation that grew up with Internet-based technology, you probably know the common warning signs to look for when it comes to online scams: suspicious links from emails you do not recognize, friend requests on social media from people you've never met, websites that are not securely encrypted with the "https" in their URL, and so on.

But while it would be easy to become complacent in the face of these types of common attacks, cybercriminals rely on that kind of apathy. There's always a new scam or a new tactic to exploit, and it can be easy to miss the warning signs.

ITCU has refreshed our Fraud Prevention Tips section of our website to include a database of articles, studies and reports on the latest cyber threats. This database is updated multiple times a week, and is an excellent resource to keep as a reference in the event you ever find yourself presented with a situation that appears to be a scam waiting to happen.

While thieves will always try to find new weaknesses to prey on, ITCU will always do our part to keep our members informed and keep their information safe.



(*"FBI Releases the Internet Crime Complaint Center 2020 Internet Crime Report,' Including COVID-19 Scam Statistics," FBI.gov, March 17, 2021.)



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