

Good Afternoon, This is Cleatus Davis from Ultimate IT Guys

Welcome to the 2021 Housing Authority Technology Update

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We saw so much change during 2020. Businesses, schools, and churches shutdown. Wearing masks became the norm. Working from home increased drastically.





Solomon said that there is nothing new under the sun. He didn't live in 2020. While most things today are not necessarily new, they are very different.



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Attacks have changed from direct quick money goals to longer term goals



The Covid-19 Pandemic and the rush to work from home caused a perfect storm of uncertainty that hackers were able to capitalize on.

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Uncertainty and fear made it easy for hackers and scammers to not only make a quick dollar, but also allowed them better access to install more tools for understanding how to attack you and your business. As users moved to work from home, they were able to get inside of corporate networks easier by attacking your home computers. They gathered mountains of data that they analyzed and used to find new ways to attack you.



Hackers have upgraded their tools and techniques for attacking you. Hacking is a big business and they have developed tools and services to help other hackers. Much like you pay for a software subscription for Microsoft Office or Adobe, hackers have built subscription-based tools that other hackers can use to attack you quicker and more efficiently than ever. We saw major supply chain attacks during the last 12 months where hackers were able to get inside of large companies and government agencies

using legitimate software that had been compromised.





We saw a shift to several new ransomware varieties and some new attacks that used some older tools. One interesting twist was the move to extortion type scams as part of ransomware attacks. This type of attack encrypts your files, but as part of the ransom demand they threaten to release your files on the internet or threaten to post incriminating pictures or documents on social media. Deep fakes is a scam that use technology to take real photos or video, usually from your social media and combine them with pornography to blackmail or cause reputation damage to someone.



You can't get by doing what you have always done. Attacks are 24/7/365. Because so much information about you is readily available, it makes it easy for hackers to make very personalized attacks. This makes the attack much more believable. We are constantly bombarded with these attacks on Email, social media, advertisements, and websites. They are getting more complex and more dangerous every day.

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Let's switch from talking about the hackers, to talking about you and your housing authority

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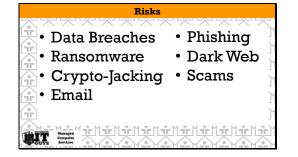


Statistically speaking you most likely have already been a victim of a data breach, identity theft, hackers, malware....and you probably don't realize it or you do but you don't care. Apathy is the most dangerous thing about security.

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More breach records than there are people. Your information is out there and the bad guys are using it every day to attack you. There are now more breached personally identifiable data records than there are people on the planet.









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Someone else now has your log in information. That is why data breaches are such a big deal Because someone else has your information, they can pretend to be you, send spam, send phishing messages, spy on you, get access to your other accounts....



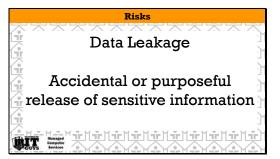
We will discuss this one more in a minute. If your email has been compromised you are enabling the bad guys to carry out more attacks. Everyone is on the receiving end of phishing attacks through email. Nobody is magically immune.

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Big number and yet it tends to get swept under the rug

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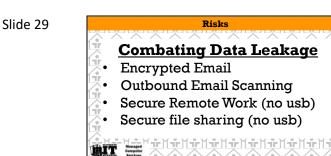


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Email is the preferred way of delivering attacks







Phishing is a scam designed to get information by tricking you. It can take many forms, generally thought to be email asking you to reset your password or click a link. But it could also be a phone call, fake website or even a piece of old fashioned mail asking for your information.

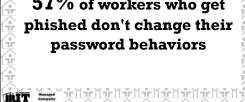
Criminals have taken a page from marketers. They understand that they easiest way to get you to give them what they want is to simply ask you for it.

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57% of workers who get

Over half of the people that get phished don't change their password behavior





The best way to stop phishing emails is to not ever have them show up in your inbox or block the malicious things that they try to do

Employee training and testing can be a very effective component to helping stop phishing at your housing authority.

Training your employees about how to recognize phishing attempts and test them to see if they are following the training.

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If you watch TV, movies or read the news, surely you have heard of the Dark Web. Dark Web is a subset of the internet, where as the name implies there is a lot of shady activity. The Dark Web has several purposes, but the main thing to be concerned about is that it is home to many hacker communities and organized crime groups. Almost anything imaginable is for sale on the Dark Web. Of importance to us is that much of the information that has been stolen in the data breaches that you

hear about in the news is for sale on the Dark Web.

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So many breaches that you can't name them all. One of the latest is Marriot Hotels with over 500,000 people impacted.

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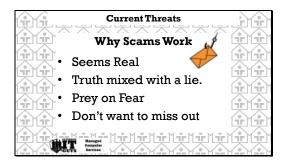
The bad guys have your information They are selling it to other bad guys so they can attack you







There is usually a financial motivation behind these attacks



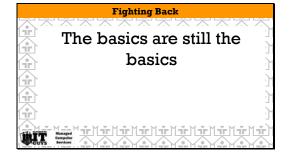




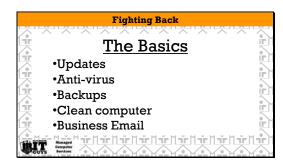
Claim to be from IRS, FBI, Microsoft, Google, phone company, etc.... Pushy or threatening tone Sensational, outrageous claims or too good to be true

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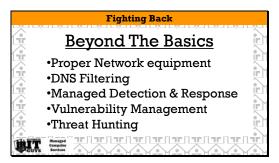






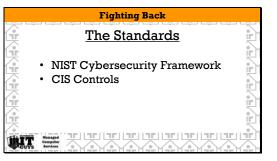
Most people aren't even doing the basics





Security is much more than just basic anti-virus





Security is much more than just basic anti-virus. It is a process. There are 2 frameworks that are used for creating a more secure business. These 2 frameworks are referred to in many of the new regulations and cyber insurance documents. NIST is the National Institute for Standards and Technology. They develop standards across many industries. The CyberSecurity Framework from NIST is at a high-level view of security. The CIS Controls framework is from the Center for Internet Security and is also referred to as the CIS 20. It is a more detailed set of controls than the NIST

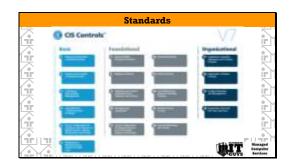
Framework. Together they define a very good way to structure your security processes. Adopting, following and documenting your use of these framework will not only help you stay safe, but could help you stay compliant with insurance requirements and regulations.

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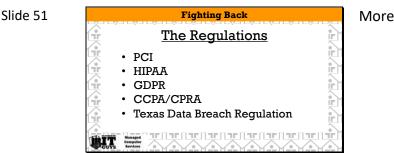
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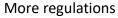
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Much more detail around specific processes that you need to put into place.

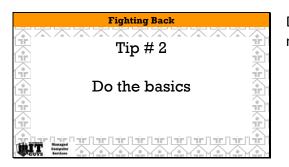






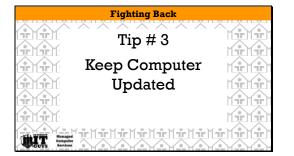
Remember it is a process not a destination. First step is to know what devices and data that you have and where they are located. This is helpful not only for security, but also for disaster recovery, contingency planning and insurance claims. Your IT provider should always have an up-todate list of everything on your network.

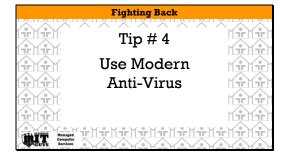




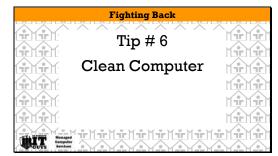
Doing the basics will get you to a much better place.





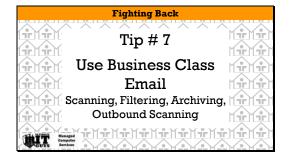


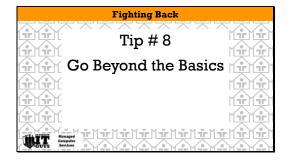


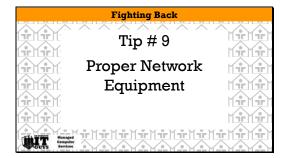


A clean computer is a more secure computer

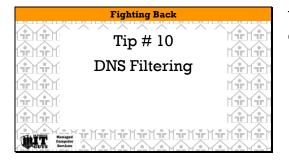
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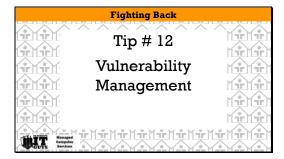


This is one of the most important addons that you can have.

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Expert help for managing, detecting and responding to security incidents. Make no mistake, You do have security incidents and you don't know it today.



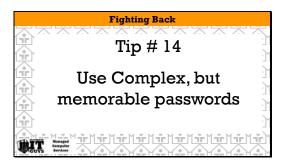
New vulnerabilities are being found everyday. Managing them and keeping your devices, not just computers updated is critical.

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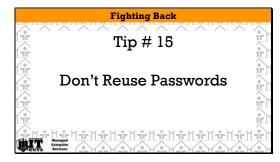


Assume that you are breached and actively go hunting for the threats. This is better defense by better offense.

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Use a phrase and throw in some numbers and symbols. Easier to remember and it makes it longer.



Reusing passwords makes it really easy for hackers and other criminals. If they get one password, then they have access to multiple of your accounts.

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A password manager takes most of the hassle out of keeping track of your passwords Knowing when to change them. Generating new good passwords when you need to change them.

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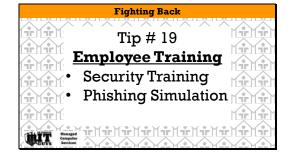
MFA Makes your accounts much more secure.

The idea is to take something that you know, an user id and password Combined with something that you have, typically a cell phone or key token to generate a code or one time password.

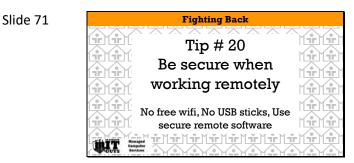
Several good free tools for generating authentication codes, such as AUTHY or Google Authenticator.







Better trained users are safer and more productive.





Changing your habits requires action

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Business Email Service is one of the big keys to stopping the attacks Also if you are a housing authority you need to create a proper email account for using eLOCCS

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Give us a call or email



Give us a call 580-782-2266 or send an email to cdavis@ultimateitguys.com We will check to see if you have information on the Dark Web and help you clean up the mess.

We can run a security assessment at your business to help you understand your level of risk and what needs to be done to make it better.