



COMBATING CYBERCRIME

Cybercrime refers to the use of computers and the internet for illegal or harmful purposes. It impacts hundreds of millions of people every year and accounts for a staggering amount of financial fraud.

In short, every person needs to be aware of and prepared to encounter cybercrime. Let's review a few ways you can help combat it.



Gain an understanding of what cybercriminals want.

Thinking like a cybercriminal is one of the best ways to understand their goals. While stealing money from people usually tops the list, confidential information is also a common target. Cybercriminals can use stolen data to commit a wide variety of scams.



Ensure confidential information remains confidential.

Data breaches sometimes leak highly private information of millions of people. Cybercriminals can do a lot with personal details such as full names, email addresses, home addresses, phone numbers, and national ID numbers. Therefore, it's vital to ensure that data is never stolen or leaked.



Stay alert for common techniques scammers use.

Don't assume every attack involves advanced hacking processes or tools. A lot of scams are the result of people being deceived into voluntarily sending money or divulging information. You can avoid this by identifying warning signs like threatening language, urgent requests, and random links or attachments.



Limit what you share online.

To underscore the importance of privacy, remember that whatever you post publicly online can be used against you. It's best to set social media accounts to private, vet people before connecting with them, and limit what you share. Additionally, use strong, unique passwords for every account and device.



Always follow organizational policies.

From a professional standpoint, security policies are crucial to combating cybercrime. Organizations work hard to create guidelines that help everyone avoid mistakes that lead to data breaches and other cyberthreats. By always following policy, you help protect data, devices, and people.