General security threats

What are the biggest cybersecurity dangers out there?

Phishing, malware, social engineering (lying) and good old-fashioned human error are the top threats to systems and data.

Do people really fall for those "send us your money" emails?

Yep. In one three-year period, $5.3 billion was lost to just one type of email scam.

Is it possible to be 100% secure?

It's tough to hear but true: No. There's no system so secure that it can't be breached. However, by being smart, you can get yourself to 98% or 99% and sleep a lot easier at night.

What's one thing I can do to improve my security right now?

The most important step you can take is to be aware that problems even exist. Devices like phones, tablets and smart home devices can be at risk, and an attack can come from someone who "just needs help" as well as a stereotypical hacker. Forewarned is forearmed!

What about computer viruses? Where do those fit in?

Computer viruses are one type of a larger threat called malware, or malicious software. Malware is any form of program that's intended to cause harm to a computer or a computer user.

What happens if I see something suspicious?

You should report it. The organization needs everyone's eyes on potential problems, so if you see something, make sure to report it immediately!

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