

Introduction

This week focuses on the fourth cybersecurity behavior: **Recognize and Report Scams**. Phishing and online scams remain some of the most common ways criminals try to steal personal data or gain access to accounts. Learning how to spot suspicious messages and knowing how to report them are key steps in protecting yourself and the CUNY community.

Helpful Cybersecurity Tips

- Be cautious with emails, texts, and messages asking for sensitive information.
- Check sender details, hover over links before clicking, and watch for spelling or grammar errors.
- Don't download unexpected attachments or click suspicious links.
- Report phishing attempts:
 - At CUNY, use the "Report Phishing" button in Outlook or forward suspicious emails to your IT office.
- Stay informed with the latest CUNY cybersecurity alerts on scams targeting students, faculty, and staff.

Additional Resources and Tips:

- [Phishing Red Flags: Trust Your Gut](#)
- [How to Spot and Avoid Scams \(NCA\)](#)
- [Recognize and Report Phishing — Secure Our World \(CISA\)](#)
- [Cybersecurity Best Practices \(CISA\)](#)
- [2025–26 College of Staten Island Cybersecurity Awareness Training is now live on Brightspace](#)

Facts and Figures:

Insights from the 2024–2025 "Oh, Behave!" Report (National Cybersecurity Alliance & CybSafe) are as follows:

- **52%** of people reported phishing attempts — up 2% from last year.
- **69%** feel confident they can recognize phishing attempts, but many still fall victim.
- **51%** of Americans actively report cybercrimes, particularly phishing.

- **Younger users (Gen Z, Millennials)** report more frequent scam attempts due to their higher online activity.

Our emails and supporting information are available from the [National Cyber Security Awareness Month \(NCSAM\)](#) page on the CUNY web site. We also provide a growing security resources list on the [CUNY Information Security](#) pages. You may also want to visit the [OUCH!](#) website to read recent security articles or subscribe to the world's leading, free security awareness newsletter designed for technology users.

If you have any questions about any of this information, please contact your college's [Information Security Manager](#).