



PIRATES ARE THREATENING YOUR COMMUNITY!

Pirates are looking to steal taxpayer resources and hold your vital data hostage. Organizations must be prepared and cyber aware!

Theft is no longer a crime that is only committed at your home or business. Sophisticated criminals are hacking into data systems at an alarming rate, stealing valuable information, and wreaking havoc.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR DATA IS UNDER ATTACK!

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ARE YOU CYBER SECURE?

Ransomware is finding its way into some of the most secure systems. Once established, ransomware can delete, encrypt, and even steal your organizations's data – billing, personnel, payroll, resident data, vital utility documents, and more. These pirates often hold the data hostage until you pay a ransom to get it back, and the amount demanded can be shocking. According to Harvard Business Review, ransomware attacks increased 150% in 2020, and payouts increased by more than 300% – some in the tens of millions of dollars.

Steps you can take now:

- Encrypt your data
- Keep track of all equipment (laptops, tablets, and cell phones)
- Use unique passwords and update them periodically
- Use multi-factor authentication
- Establish rules for suspicious-looking emails and those with attachments
- Avoid personal activity, including email and social media, on agency equipment
- Ensure data backups are stored remotely
- Update your spam filter and malware protection software and budget for timely updates
- Train all personnel regularly about appropriate cyber hygiene practices, including tabletop exercises
- Have an incident response plan
- Utilize endpoint detection and response tools
- Use out-of-band authentication to verify wire transfer requests

KLC Insurance Services offers cybersecurity coverage, but meeting the need is becoming more challenging. The number of claims continues to increase, and municipal entities often do not take simple preventative steps. Make sure you are taking cybersecurity seriously!

Did you know KLCIS members with liability coverage can use KLC grants for cybersecurity? The money can help recover some of the cost of assessing your organizations's vulnerability, training, and the use of some threat protection software.



RESOURCES

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