

Ransomware

– if in doubt, don't click

More and more companies are falling victim to ransomware attacks.

Ransomware, malicious code that locks you out of your own business systems denying access to valuable, critical data, is a very real problem right now. Even without paying the ransom itself, the cost to businesses affected by a ransomware attack can run into thousands of pounds.

These costs include:

- Time lost dealing with the attack and its aftermath.
- Business lost because systems are down.
- Costs of recovering data, which isn't always possible.

We can't emphasise enough that just one click on a link in a rogue email is enough to give your organisation a serious problem. Remember: **if in doubt, don't click!**



How to protect yourself against ransomware

Cybercriminals are getting cleverer at persuading people to unwittingly download these malevolent apps, usually through clicking a link in an email.

Here's our advice on how to minimise the risk of your organisation becoming a ransomware victim:

- Educate all your staff in the dangers of clicking links in emails and repeat the message over and over.
- Have a plan of action for what to do in the event of an attack, including isolating affected computers from your network as quickly as possible.
- Use monitoring systems that track user activity and can prevent suspicious applications from launching.

We provide internet usage monitoring systems that can keep track of the sites and applications being used by your team and watch out for activities that involve engagement with potentially malicious websites.

The most important message you and your team should take on board is this: if in doubt, don't click.

Talk to us about protecting your organisation from ransomware

We help our clients minimise the risk of becoming a ransomware victim by providing both IT security systems and staff awareness of the dangers.

If you would like to know how we could help you, give us a call on 0808 168 9135 or email enquiries@itsupport365.co.uk. We would be pleased to have a no-obligation conversation on ransomware protection.

Alternatively, you can follow us as we share news on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

It's easy to be wise to the risks of ransomware after the event. Unfortunately, falling victim makes it a very expensive way to learn. We recommend a more proactive approach, and it starts with: if in doubt, don't click.