

2026 Cybersecurity Awareness Month Toolkit

This toolkit, developed by the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT), is your guide to Cybersecurity Awareness Month activities and resources throughout October 2026. Each week features a unique theme, practical training modules, and engaging content designed to strengthen cybersecurity skills for state employees and their families.

Week 1: Oct. 5-9, 2026, - Theme: Office Workplace Security This week's theme will equip our workforce with the tools and knowledge needed to maintain strong cybersecurity mindset in the office.

NEW Cybersecurity Awareness modules are posted in SuccessFactors Learning. Select each link to Self-assign.

- [Introducing the Little Fish Series](#) created by the same people who bring you **the Inside Man**!

While *The Inside Man* is stylized as a cinematic, high-stakes drama following a black-hat hacker turned ethical analyst, the *Little Fish* series takes a different approach. It is formatted as a **spoof documentary (mockumentary)** that tracks three small businesses attempting to win a contract with a large corporation. Through the 12 episodes, they encounter and learn to address scenarios involving **social media vulnerabilities, ransomware attacks, phishing schemes, and general physical or human risk engineering**. The show hilariously deconstructs each topic *and much like the Inside Man* you will forget you are viewing a training lesson! Little Fish is a gem of a series and comedic gold-see if you agree! (Each video is 4-5 minutes in length)



- [The Inside Man Season 1: Episodes 1-10 Program](#) is now available in the SOI SuccessFactors Library. Want to see the Inside Man Episodes you may have missed or just rewatch before Episode 11 or the Watch Party in October? Select the hyperlink [here](#) to view episodes 1-10. The Program is optional and IOT will not track completion data. This program is only available to state of Indiana employees or contractors who have access to SuccessFactors Learning. The total length of the 10 episodes is 68 minutes.
- Additional resources are posted on SuccessFactors JAM and may be assessed by selecting each link below.
[Your Access Your Responsibility](#) - Many are confused by the concept of piggybacking. This document describes what piggybacking is and how to prevent it, better equipping employees to do their best in keeping their organization secure.
[Cyber Heroes Series - Tailgating - Stranger Danger](#) - Understand the importance of physical security, the potential threat of tailgating and why access control mechanisms for guests are of such high importance.
[Insider Threats in Government](#) - This document is a comprehensive guide on insider threats in government settings. It defines the types of insider threats, explains how they occur and outlines strategies for recognizing and preventing them. It emphasizes the role every employee plays in maintaining organizational security.
[Foundations of Insider Threats](#) - Every organization knows they must defend against external threats ranging from social engineering to cyberattacks. But what about the threats that come from within? This quick document defines three types of insider threats (malicious, negligent, and accidental) and shows end users how they can become security assets rather than security liabilities.



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Week 2: Oct. 12-16, 2026 –Theme: The Transformative Effect of AI/Artificial Intelligence on Cybersecurity Threats-This theme focuses on education surrounding the growing technology of AI, Deepfakes and its role in creating more sophisticated social engineering campaigns that are harder to identify.

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- [Deepfake Scams in Video Calls \(10 minutes\)](#) This training module on deepfake scams in video calls provides a quick overview of a topic that is becoming increasingly important due to advancements in AI software. It clearly explains what deepfakes are and how cybercriminals use them in video calls and provides specific tips for recognizing them and protecting yourself against them. The video in this module is told from the perspective of an AI digital twin of a high-level executive, who explains how she was used in a CEO fraud scam. The module is designed to feel like an interactive conversation with an AI assistant and finishes with a quiz. AI-Generated Content Notice: This content includes artificially generated or manipulated images, audio, and video, which may include simulated people, voices, places, objects, or events. All content has been thoroughly reviewed by humans for accuracy and educational effectiveness.
- [AI Unveiled: Spot the Fake \(3 minutes\)](#) AI technologies are constantly improving, and their results are becoming more precise. Can AI-generated fakes and fraud attempts still be reliably detected today? In this video, security expert Dr. Swantje Westpfahl raises awareness of the growing danger of deepfakes in the workplace. The content illustrates why neither human intuition nor standard detection software can offer complete protection. This training explains why healthy skepticism and targeted verification are essential to avoid falling for cybercriminals' schemes, even with labeling rules like the AI Act in place.
- [Job Candidate Deepfakes \(5 minutes\)](#) This training video explores the growing threat of deepfake candidates infiltrating remote hiring processes, revealing how AI-generated identities and sophisticated fraud techniques are being used by criminals and foreign operatives to secure employment. The content provides practical strategies and verification methods to help organizations detect and prevent hiring fraud while maintaining effective remote recruitment practices.



Additional AI resources are available on SuccessFactors JAM by selecting the Folder here: [The Transformative Effect of Artificial Intelligence](#). Topics include How to Spot A Deepfake, Phishing Gets Smarter and more AI resources!

Additional KnowBe4 Articles on the topic may be accessed by selecting the links below.

- [Threat Actors Are Increasingly Abusing Generative AI Tools for Phishing](#)
- [CyberheistNews Vol 15 #35 \[Watch Out\] Hackers Now Use AI to Write Better Phish](#)

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Week 3: Oct. 19-23, 2026, - Theme: Online Safety: Protecting the Vulnerable This week's theme provides families and friends with essential information on protecting children and elders from online risks and scams. Resources are also suitable for anyone who has been affected by online fraud.

- **Meet "CAPY" The NEW Cyber Awareness Program for You.** Free content for your entire family- No login, no fees, no barriers.

CAPY is designed to keep you safe online without feeling like a chore. Whether you are a parent looking to protect your kids, a person navigating new technology, or a student staying social, CAPY provides the "snackable" tools to help you stay secure.



High-quality content from KnowBe4, the world leader in security awareness training, offered as a free gift to the community.

Bite-Sized Learning- Most lessons take under 4 minutes. They are designed to fit into your busy life, perfect for school pickups or coffee breaks.

- [Capy's Cub Corner](#) -Target: Kids & Young Explorers
- [The Cappy-bility Hub](#) - Target: Parents & Tech-Savvy Adults
- [Capy's Golden Circle](#) - Target: Seniors & Confident Browsers

Kids Activity Booklet from KnowBe4: [Security Cats Activity Book](#)

IOT has a NEW Pre-Retirement Training Program created as an optional resource track for Seminar attendees, anyone is welcome to explore the content and share it with friends and family. Select the link here to view the contents in SuccessFactors Learning. [IOT Cybersecurity Awareness Training Program for Pre-Retirement 2026 Seminar Attendees](#)

[Keeping our Seniors Safe Online Toolkit](#) The resources and links in this toolkit are accessible to anyone, including those outside of State Government.

Videos for Parents/Grandparents:

- **Mom Don't Click That Series-** The video series "Mom Don't Click That" takes an illuminating and light-hearted look at modern cybercrime through our parents' eyes, including the best advice for avoiding scams. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyahECG3KslHVAjbEuOJmflFqFXBVu1r5>
- **60 Minutes Report-** Cyber scammers target parents, grandparents for digital theft | 60 Minutes <https://youtu.be/U2r1MJk85Zo>

Additional resources for Kids and Seniors may be found here: Additional resources are available on **SuccessFactors JAM** by selecting the folder link Here ["Protecting the Vulnerable"](#) (SuccessFactors login required)

Pet Parents please see this resource article: [Paws for Concern: Navigating the Cyber Risks of Pet Social Media](#)

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Week 4: Oct. 26-30, 2026, - Theme: "Making Security Fun (Or At Least Less Terrifying)" Resources for engaging and entertaining cybersecurity awareness, using drama and humor to get the message to employees, family, and friends.

Tuesday October 27th The Inside Man Watch Party: The IMAX Experience

To celebrate October's Cybersecurity Awareness Month, IOT and WRSP are hosting an Inside Man Watch Party on Indiana's largest screen!

Join us for a special screening of four episodes from KnowBe4's signature video series the Inside Man on Tuesday October 27, 11:30am-12:30pm at the IMAX theatre*.

Tickets are required at the door. Register here: wrsp.in/InsideMan

The Inside Man Watch Party episodes include:

- Season 1 Ep 12 - Checkmate (Insider Threats)
- Season 2 Ep 01 - A Different Tune (Mobile Devices)
- Season 2 Ep 02 - Crack Team (Need to Know)
- Season 2 Ep 03 - It's A Date (Mobile Devices)

The Inside Man is KnowBe4's signature video series, a compelling story, an incredible cast, and stellar production quality combine to create the coolest series ever streamed. Shy, slightly nerdy Mark is finding his way amidst super-friendly, supportive co-workers, office politics and his new job as IT Security analyst, a white hat hacker, making the company safer. At least, that's how it looks on the outside...Get to know these characters and how they navigate the sometimes-confusing world of information technology as they tackle issues like social engineering, physical security, ransomware and more!



*IMAX Theatre 650 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (Corner of West Street and Washington Street) If you require any accommodations to fully participate in this training, please email us at Awareness@iot.in.gov All requests will be handled confidentially and in a timely manner.

CSEN: Cyber Security Entertainment Network Program This fun and engaging program from the Cyber Security Entertainment Network (CSEN) includes seven 60-second cybersecurity videos in one program that help drive awareness initiatives!

Cybercrime is a scourge that ruins lives. But guess who makes it? Other people, bad ones, with lives of their own. These are their stories. At least their stories in the office. Welcome to Kubikle. <https://www.staysafeonline.org/campaigns/kubikle>

