HOLIDAY SECURITY GUIDE

CYBER ATTACKERS EXPLOIT THE INFORMATION OF UNINFORMED USERS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. AS A RESULT, COMPASS CYBER SECURTIY SUGGESTS YOU TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS TO BEST PROTECT YOUR SENSITIVE DATA.

HOLIDAY SCAMS:

- Be selective about the information you exchange for discounts/deals.
- Prevent 'malvertising' by updating browsers and enabling ad blocking software.
- Scammers prey on people's holiday generosity by setting up bogus accounts or replicating legitimate charity sites to steal money and credentials. If you are donating, be sure it goes to a deserving cause!
- If an offer is too good to be true, it probably is so don't engage with it.
- When possible, elect to have your package held at the nearest pick-up facility to avoid "porch pirating."
- Be wary of apps that impersonate well-known retailers. Red flags to look out for are misspelled words in the description and recent creation dates.

WHAT TO AVOID WHILE TRAVELING:

- Don't use untrusted or unknown Wi-Fi hotspots, especially to make online purchases.
- Be cautious of where you use debit cards because they are directly linked to your bank account. Don't use debit cards at stores without a chip card reader.
- Common holiday rental scams involve rogue "landlords" renting properties that are not theirs to rent, frequently found on sites like Airbnb and HomeAway.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR SENSITIVE INFORMAITON:

- Don't buy from websites you haven't heard of.
- Make sure the websites you are on are secure. Look for HTTPS rather than HTTP in the address bar.
- Designate a single card for any credit transactions to monitor suspicious activity.
- Create an email address specifically for any shopping sites to limit the likelihood of your information being compromised if one of your online retailers experiences a data breach.

TENABLE ESTIMATES THERE WILL BE $5.4 BILLION IN LOSSES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON RESULTING FROM STOLEN CREDIT & PAYMENT CARD INFORMATION

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