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Ransomware Cyberattack: Tips to Avoid The Trap

COLUMBIA, S.C. – With cyber security an ever-present topic addressed in the news, the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is encouraging consumers to be more proactive in their efforts to be secure.

A few simple tips can help consumers avoid becoming a victim of potential cyberattacks:

- Set your computer to install updates automatically. This will ensure the computer has the latest security and operating system software.
- Never click on suspicious links or attachments. If there are any doubts on the legitimacy of the email, delete it.
- Beware and share. Talk to your friends, family, and coworkers about spotting the latest email scams and other information security basics.

Have you been targeted by a scammer? Scam reporting is an important step in helping SCDCA empower consumers to recognize and avoid scams. To report a scam or obtain a copy of “Ditch the Pitch: A Guide for Guarding Against Scams,” call 844-835-5322 or visit www.consumer.sc.gov, then click Report a Scam.

About SCDCA

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit www.consumer.sc.gov or call toll-free, 1-800-922-1594.

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