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October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Win $100 Cash!

Complete the **Information Security Awareness** course between Oct. 1-31, 2026 and you'll be entered for a chance to win $100 cash with taxes covered! Ten prizes will be awarded.

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Cybersecurity isn't just about technology—it's about the choices we make every day. This October, the University of Colorado is recognizing Cybersecurity Awareness Month with a simple message: **Cyber Smart Starts with You**.

You don't need to be a cybersecurity expert to make a difference. A few smart habits can help protect your information, your colleagues and the university: **use a unique password, question unexpected messages, verify unusual requests and protect your sign-ins. And if something looks suspicious, report it—don't ignore it**.

Small actions make a big difference. Together, we keep CU connected and secure.

Webinar

Would You Trust This Message? Cybersecurity in the Age of AI, Impersonation & Digital Deception

October 20, 2026, 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. MT

This webinar explores how AI is changing deception and making scams harder to recognize. Through realistic university scenarios, participants will learn how to spot suspicious messages, strengthen account security with passwords, password managers and multi-factor authentication, and use AI without exposing sensitive information. Rob will also cover what to do when something goes wrong and leave participants with a simple, practical response to suspicious activity: Pause. Verify. Report. The session will conclude with Q&A.

Rob Rudloff, a CU Boulder alumnus, leads the Cyber Security Services team at RubinBrown and brings more than 25 years of information security experience. His background includes security work for the Air Force, NSA, Pentagon and PwC, as well as serving as a Chief Information Security Officer. Today, he helps organizations tackle cybersecurity challenges ranging from penetration testing and security strategy to compliance.



Watch the webinar recording [4]

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The Cyber Smart Four

1. **Use a unique password.** Let a reputable password manager create and store strong, unique passwords and use passkeys when available.
2. **Question the message.** Slow down when a message is unexpected, urgent or asks for money, credentials or immediate action.
3. **Verify the request.** Confirm identities and requests through a trusted, independent channel.
4. **Protect your sign-in.** Use stronger authentication and never approve a sign-in you did not initiate.



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Stay Secure, Stay Connected

If you have questions or concerns about cybersecurity, please contact your campus information security team. Our experts are ready to help.

About Information Security on Your Campus

Visit your campus IT and information security websites to learn about campus-specific policies, guidelines, and contacts for help. Each campus also employs an information security officer along with other security staff to safeguard data.

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About the Office of Information Security

OIS, part of System Administration, collaborates with campuses to offer services and expertise that ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data across the university.

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Reporting a Security Incident

An information security incident involves unauthorized access, loss, or exposure of sensitive university data. Reporting incidents quickly helps contain risks and protect the university.

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