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Agenda

- Trending threats
- Industry Cyber Events
- Cyber Tools



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Trending Threats

- **USB Drives**

- Overview
 - Still a common delivery of malware
 - Autodetect when drive is plugged in.
- Prevention
 - Disable USB driver
 - Disable autorun.



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Trending Threats

- **Microsoft OneNote**

- Overview
 - Using attachments to spread malware
 - Steal password
 - Uses .one file attachment
- Prevention
 - Block .one attachments
 - Firewall/Email server
 - User awareness training



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Trending Threats

- MFA
 - Overview
 - Continue rise in credentials stolen
 - No MFA on VPN, VDI, SaaS
 - Prevention
 - Harden MFA to prevent push fraud
 - User training
- Attacker are banking on alert fatigue



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Trending Vulnerabilities

- VMware
 - Many recent CVE (common vulnerability and exposure)



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Trending Vulnerabilities

- MGM Cyber attack
 - Social Engineering attack
 - 10 min phone call
 - Oka console
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Why is Cybersecurity So Important?

People are the weakest link

Your customers' information is invaluable

Protect against critical threats



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- Hackers are banking on small and medium-sized businesses believing they won't be targeted due to their size
- Less likely to have invested in security programs
- Attackers are not just targeting your utility but everyone you do business with including customers, contractors, third-party vendors, supply chain, etc.



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- **Ransomware – We Are All Targets**
 - Coop/Company size not a factor
- **Ransomware as a Service**
 - Conti
 - Lorenz
 - BlackByte
- **Critical Infrastructure**



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Cyber Threats: Recent Events

100+ cyber events affecting NISC Members in the last 6 month

- All requiring some sort of remediation

13 NISC Members affected by Ransomware attacks

- Downtime ranging from hours to weeks

NISC has seen a 20% increase in malicious phishing emails in the last two months



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Cyber Threats: Recent Events

Attack in our industry

- Employee Phishing - Admin user
- Encrypted Windows network
- Had backup to restore from backup
- Down for 5 days



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Cyber Threats: Recent Events

Attack in our industry

- Employee Phishing
- No recoverable backups
- Paid the ransom
- Down for 1 week



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Cyber Threats: Recent Events

Attack in our Industry

- Remote access
- VMware infrastructure encrypted
- Recoverable backups
- Did not pay the ransom
- Down for 24 hours
- Back to normal in 2 weeks



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Cyber Threats: Recent Events

Attack in our industry

- Unpatched Server
- Entire network encrypted – VMware Env
- No recoverable backups
- Paid the ransom
- Down for 2 weeks
- Back to “normal” in 8 weeks



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Common attack methods

- Phishing
- Remote access
- Unpatched systems

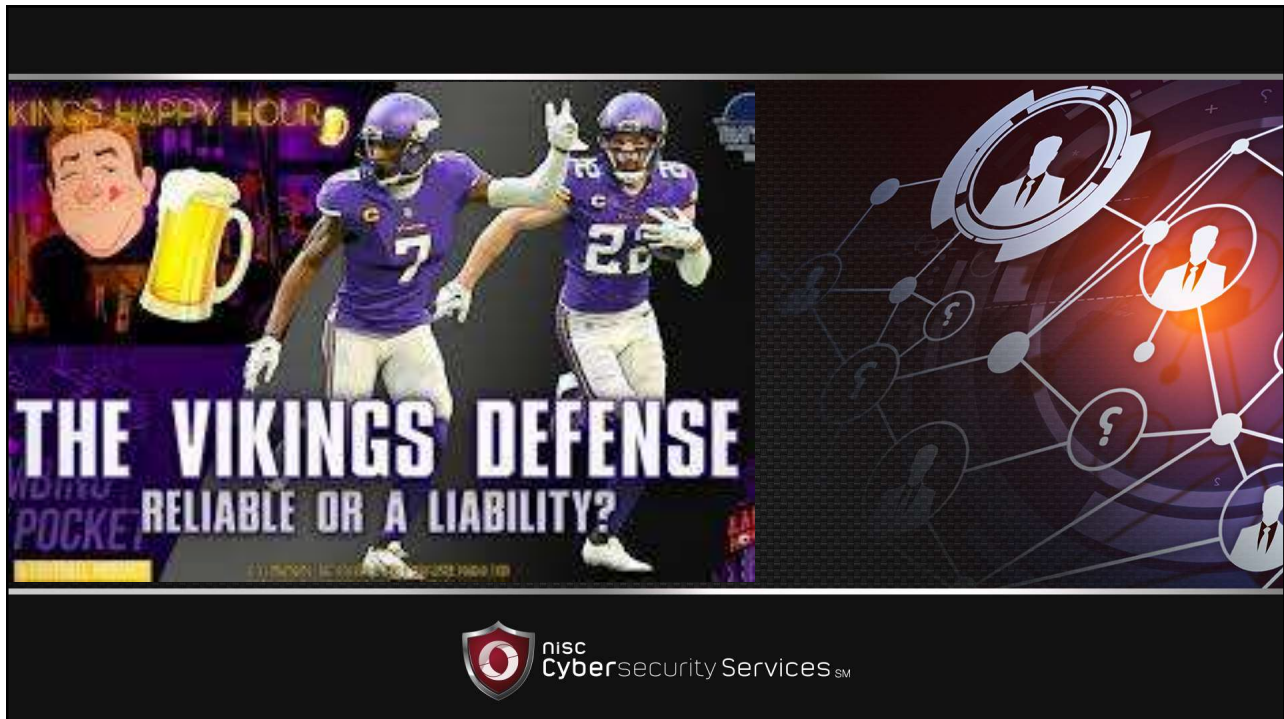


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How Do We Defend Against These Attacks?



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How Can We Defend Against Cyber Attacks?

- There is no silver bullet
- Have a plan to keep the bad guys out
 - Cyber Insurance
- Information Sharing
- ISAC – Information Sharing and Analysis Center



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Critical Prevention Tools

- Employee Education and Testing
- Perimeter Defense
- Endpoint Protection/EDR
- Network Segmentation - Admin



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Critical Prevention Tools

- Vulnerability Management
- Asset Management
- Patch Management



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Critical Prevention Tools

- MFA
- SSO
- Incident Detection and Response – IDR/MDR
- Zero Trust



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Policy

- Incident Response Plan
- Business Continuity
- DR
- Remote Access
- Vendor Management



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Policy

- Acceptable Use
- Password Management
- Security Awareness
- Internet Usage
- BYOD
- WIFI



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Risk Assessments

- What is your policy?
- Are audits scored on for improvement?



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Audits

- Network
- Policy
- External
- Vendor

Assessments



- Scored for Improvements



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Tabletop Exercises

Who is involved from your coop?



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How Do You Recover from a Ransomware Incident?

- Define and put in place a strong **off-site, isolated backup strategy**
- Ensure your business is **uninterrupted** by the incident

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Questions?



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Thank You



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