



# It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year...again.

Ahhh, the holidays. I just saw a meme that describes the season that is upon us as “Hallowthanksmas.” That about sums it up.



The holiday season is a time for joy, celebration, and spending time with loved ones. But it can also be a time of getting hacked, phished and finding the most important information on computer at work or at home held ransom.

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Hallowthanksmas is a time when cybersecurity threats increase. Here are some of the most common cybersecurity threats during the holiday season:

- **Phishing attacks:** Phishing attacks are emails or text messages that try to trick you into revealing personal information, such as your passwords or credit card numbers. Cybercriminals often use phishing attacks to impersonate legitimate companies, such as retailers or delivery services.
- **Malware attacks:** Malware is malicious software that can damage or disable your computer system or steal your data. Cybercriminals often spread malware through phishing attacks or by attaching it to emails or websites.
- **Ransomware attacks:** Ransomware is a type of malware that encrypts your files and demands a ransom payment in exchange for the decryption key. Ransomware attacks can be devastating for businesses and individuals alike.
- **Supply chain attacks:** Supply chain attacks are attacks that target a company's suppliers or vendors. If a cybercriminal is able to successfully attack a supplier, they may be able to gain access to the company's systems and data.

Why do cybersecurity threats increase during the holiday season?

There are a few reasons why cybersecurity threats increase during the holiday season. First, people are more likely to be distracted and less likely to be on their guard during the holidays. They may be shopping online, traveling, or spending time with family and friends. This makes them more vulnerable to phishing attacks and other scams.

Second, there is an increase in online shopping during the holiday season. This means that there is more valuable data for cybercriminals to steal. Cybercriminals may also target retailers and other businesses that are involved in the holiday shopping season.

Finally, cybercriminals know that businesses and organizations are often short-staffed during the holiday season. This makes it easier for them to launch attacks and go undetected.

Please follow all the tips you've read in previous articles and other sources to take extra care.

Let's stay safe out there and as always, feel free to contact us with any questions or if you need us to look at something suspicious. Let's make it a safe and happy Hallowthanksmas!



# Is your internet slow or expensive? We can help.



Comcast, AT&T, Charter/Spectrum...they all share something in common. They all love for their customers to stay in a legacy plan. A legacy plan simply means you may be in an old, fulfilled contract that was started many years ago.

These older plans are often more expensive and slower than new plans and it's in the provider's interest to keep that plan going because it means there's more Internet speed to give to new customers and the profit is great!

We would suggest you negotiate. We have representatives that we work with at each of these companies, and we know exactly how to approach them to get you faster speed and/or save you money.



If you have slow internet, maybe a new provider is the best option. We also have relationships with fiber optic companies that deliver super-fast and stable internet to areas that used to only be accessible by slower ISP's. A new Internet plan might make your phones sound a little better or may double your speed while saving you hundreds of dollars! There's no harm in finding out.

If you've been in your contract for longer than 3 years or you are out of your 12 month contract already, we implore you to reach out to Joe at [joe@aerosgroup.com](mailto:joe@aerosgroup.com) and see what he can do to boost your speed and save you some money.

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