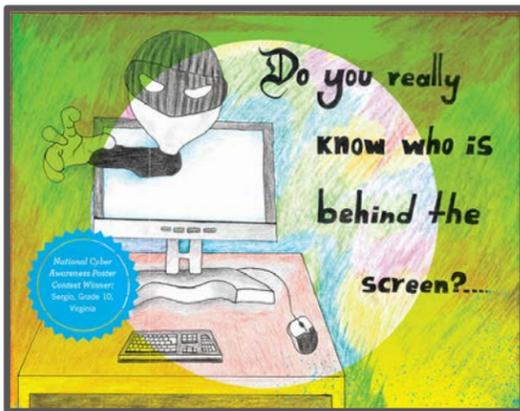


**DoIT Cybersecurity Awareness Month Special Edition**

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**National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM)**



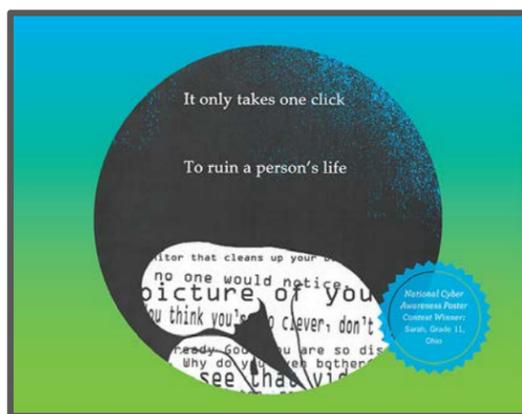
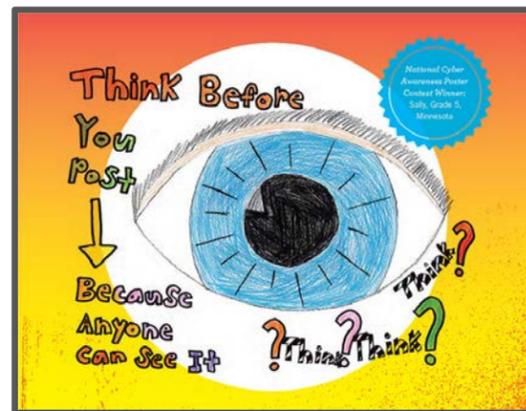
NCSAM dates to 2004 in the United States and has been observed each October. The observance of [NCSAM](#) encourages all computer users to be vigilant as together we protect ourselves against one of the most severe national security dangers we face today.

Governor Rauner [declared](#) October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month and joins a national effort of emphasizing the challenges we face every day in a changing digital world. "Cybersecurity is no longer just an IT issue - it is a public safety issue," stated Kirk Lonbom, DoIT's Interim Secretary.

**Don't Get Phished!**

Throughout the month of October, DoIT has decided to focus our awareness activities around the technique known as [Phishing](#) . . . and not the rod and reel type!

This week, you should notice the new "Phish Alert" tool available on your desktop just above the body of your emails. The new [Phish Alert](#) tool will provide an effective method of reporting suspicious email to the DoIT Security team.



**Training Our Best Line of Defense**

Introduced by DoIT and passed by the Illinois House, H.B. 2371 was signed by the Governor on August and requires state employees to undergo annual cybersecurity training.

DoIT will administer the on-line training that will include information to help employees detect phishing scams, prevent spyware infections and identity theft, and respond to data breaches. DoIT will modify the training to keep up with the ever-evolving subversive cyber activity.

**Note:** The artwork shown above are illustrations from the calendar developed from the 2016 MS-ISAC Kids Safe Online poster contest. The artists are K-12 students from around the country.

**Reminders & FYIs**



**Weekly Cybersecurity Activities in October**

Keep your eyes open each week in October as the DoIT Digest offers yet another Cybersecurity educational topic. Each week will focus on a different topic and will include games, contests and videos.

**Lonbom Honored for Cybersecurity**

Cybersecurity progress in Illinois was recognized this week at the National Association of State Chief Information Officers' (NASCIO's) Annual Conference in Austin, Texas where Kirk Lonbom was presented with [NASCIO's Jarrett Award](#) that honors exceptional CISOs in the nation.