CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION

Here's Your Complete Guide to an Effective Cybersecurity Training for Employees

In today's digital world, cybersecurity has become more than a technical problem for organizations. It's now also a people problem. This means that ensuring your employees have the know-how to defend themselves against cyber attacks is a vital part of a robust cybersecurity strategy. To do this, you need an effective employee cybersecurity awareness training. But the question is, where do you start?

First, identify your areas of concern.

This will play a huge part in the courses/training that you will conduct for your employees. You can also have a meeting with your security team for they might have a suggestion on what you need to focus on. Here are some areas that can be a topic of cybersecurity employee training:

- Personal Devices
- Public Wi-Fi Networks
- Phishing or Email Security
- Social Engineering Attacks
- Removable Media
- Password Management

Secondly, you can choose to develop your own cybersecurity training based on these areas or seek the help of an outside provider.

No matter what you choose to do, here are some key elements that you may incorporate to your training:

Make it easy to understand

Do not overwhelm them with security terms because not everyone in your organization is a security geek. Use common language that your staff can better understand.

Use examples

Use real-world examples such as a security threat that was faced by your organization. You can also talk about your own applications, data, and systems to make it more relevant to them.

Turn it into a campaign

Reinforce messages through email, internal videos, staff meetings and any other media that works in your environment. Set the expectation that what's discussed during trainings will be repeated and updated.

Thirdly, here are some tips that might help you get your cybersecurity training started.

01 Create a comprehensive Cybersecurity Training Plan

There should be an organized training plan in place for employees. It must also be updated as necessary and accessible to employees who might want to read it from time to time.

02 Include cybersecurity training during onboarding

As you hire new employees, have them attend a cybersecurity info session to help them learn what a good cyber hygiene is. Remember that they will gain access to all your sensitive data.

03 Educate employees on Data Privacy Policies

Remind employees, both tenured and new, about your company's Data Privacy Policy. Let them know that just because some data are accessible to them, doesn't mean that they can freely use it.

04 Have cyber attack drills or simulations

As they always say: "Experience is the best teacher", which is why it's important to let employees apply what they have learned thru simulations set up by your internal security team.

05 Invite security awareness and training experts

To further establish the seriousness of data breaches and cyber attacks, have professionals in the field to conduct training, lay out the basics of online security, and teach specifics skills to your employees.

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