Information Security Bulletin, Fall 2019

The WKU Information Security Bulletin is sent by Information Technology Services (ITS) on a semiannual or as-needed basis to inform the WKU community of IT security issues and best practices. If you have questions, please contact ITS support via one of the methods listed at www.wku.edu/its/contact.

Topics in this issue:

- **Stay Safe Event:** Visit the WKU Stay Safe Event on Sept. 9th at Centennial Mall in front of DSU.

- **Stop That Phish:** Learn what phishing is and how to protect yourself from these scams: https://www.sans.org/security-awareness-training/resources/stop-phish
- **Personalized Scams**: Cyber criminals may search for or purchase information about you, then use that information to personalize their attacks: https://www.sans.org/security-awareness-training/resources/personalized-scams
- **Banking Security:** If you use online banking and have a weak or re-used password, your account could be pilfered by cyberthieves: https://krebsonsecurity.com/2019/08/the-risk-of-weak-online-banking-passwords/
- **Passphrases:** Learn how to create strong passwords, called passphrases, that are easy to remember and simple to type: https://www.sans.org/security-awareness-training/ouch-newsletter/2017/passphrases
- **Text Message Scams**: Scammers may send text messages to your phone to get you to reveal personal information: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0350-text-message-spam

- **Gift Card Scams**: No, your boss didn't just ask you to buy her iTunes gift cards. https://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/a-new-gift-card-email-scam-just-in-time-for-the-holidays-113018.html
- **Debt Payment Scams**: WKU and your bank may be cool, but neither allows you to pay tuition or debts with iTunes gift cards: https://support.apple.com/itunes-gift-card-scams
- **Employment Scams**: Scammers are trying to trick you into applying for fake jobs! See this PSA from the FBI: https://www.ic3.gov/media/2017/170118.aspx

- **WKU Information Security Training**: Enroll in our short training courses on FERPA and Phishing today! Head to https://wku.blackboard.com/, login with your NetID, and click "IT Training" at the right of the red menu bar.
- **WKU Sensitive Data Storage Policy**: Personal information is valuable, so make sure to keep our data safe! WKU Information Security Plan: https://www.wku.edu/policies/docs/79.pdf

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