## Improving Cyber Security Resilience Through Cyber Awareness

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#### **Factors Integrated into Resilient Cyber Security Program**

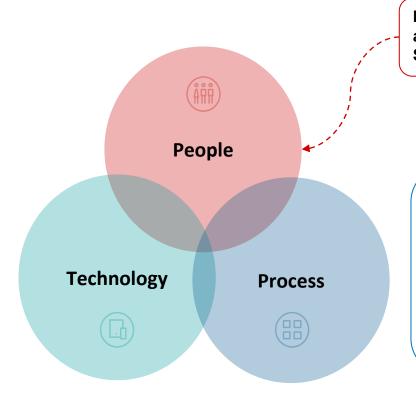
A resilient Cyber Security program that is secured against potential cyber security threats is centered on the intersection of people, processes and technology as shown below.

#### People

The "people" component of cyber security ensures that employees are adequately trained and informed about essential cyber security matters. Additionally, the "people" component is centered on ensuring that employees are supportive of the intended cyber security objectives.

#### Technology

The "technology" component of cyber security ensures that employees are equipped with the appropriate technologies and tools that are needed to fulfill the intended cyber security objectives.



Effective cyber security awareness efforts are important to ensure a resilient Cyber Security Program

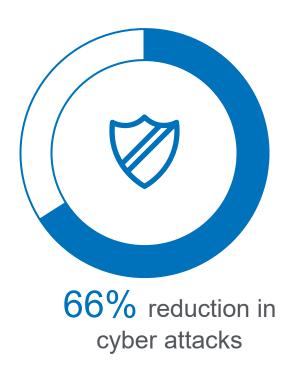
#### **Process**

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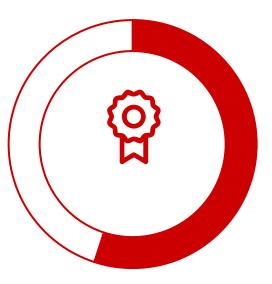
#### **Business Impacts of a Cyber Security Culture**

According to a ISACA cyber security culture study the top three benefits realized from successful cybersecurity culture include:





65% increase in customer trust



55% improvement in brand image

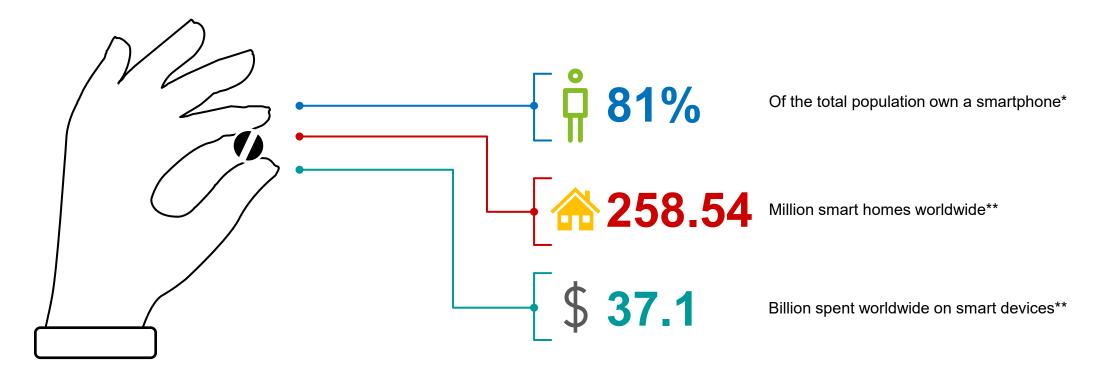
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THE BUSINESS IMPACTS OF A cyber security CULTURE



#### The Increased Use of Smart Devices

People's acceptance and adoption of smart devices are steadily increasing.



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<sup>\*</sup>HOW MANY SMARTPHONES ARE IN THE WORLD?

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#### **Cyber Security Threats in our Daily Lives**

The increased use and adoption of smart devices also increases the Cyber Security Threats in our daily lives.







Downloadable Threats

#### **General cyber security Threats**

- Social engineering
- Privacy threats
- Exploitable vulnerabilities
- Loss/theft/damage of devices
- Hack/compromise of user accounts

#### **Downloadable cyber security Threats**

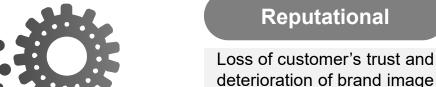
- Spyware
- Malware
- Ransomware



#### Impact of Cyber Security Attacks on Organizations

Cyber Security attacks impose reputational, financial, operational and cultural impacts that an organization would need

to endure.



#### **Financial**

Costs incurred as a result of fines, compensations and loss of business opportunities



#### **Operational**

Costs incurred as a result of the Disruption to businesscritical operations

#### HSE / Environmental

Potential health consequences/injuries/Pollution



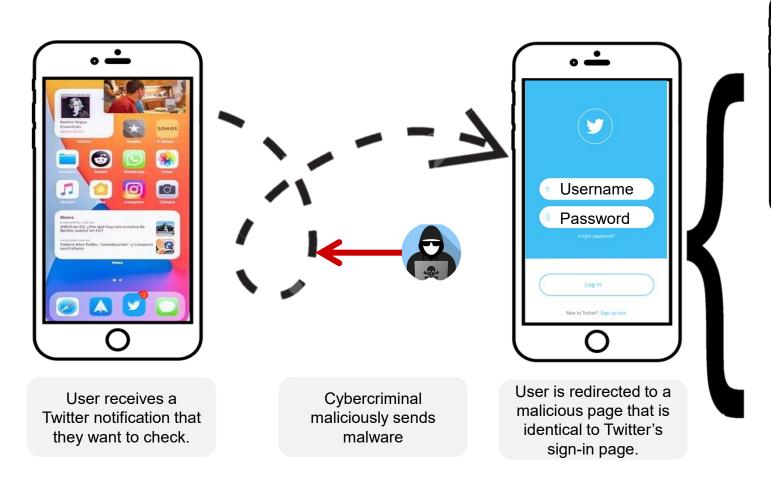
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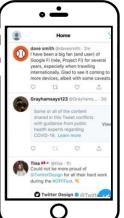


#### **Examples of People Actions Leading to Cyber Security Incidents**

Potential Cyber Security Incidents when using Technologies on a Daily Basis

Cyber Security incidents could occur on any day without the user's knowledge as they are using their devices.





User is taken back to their Twitter account's main page

### Meanwhile



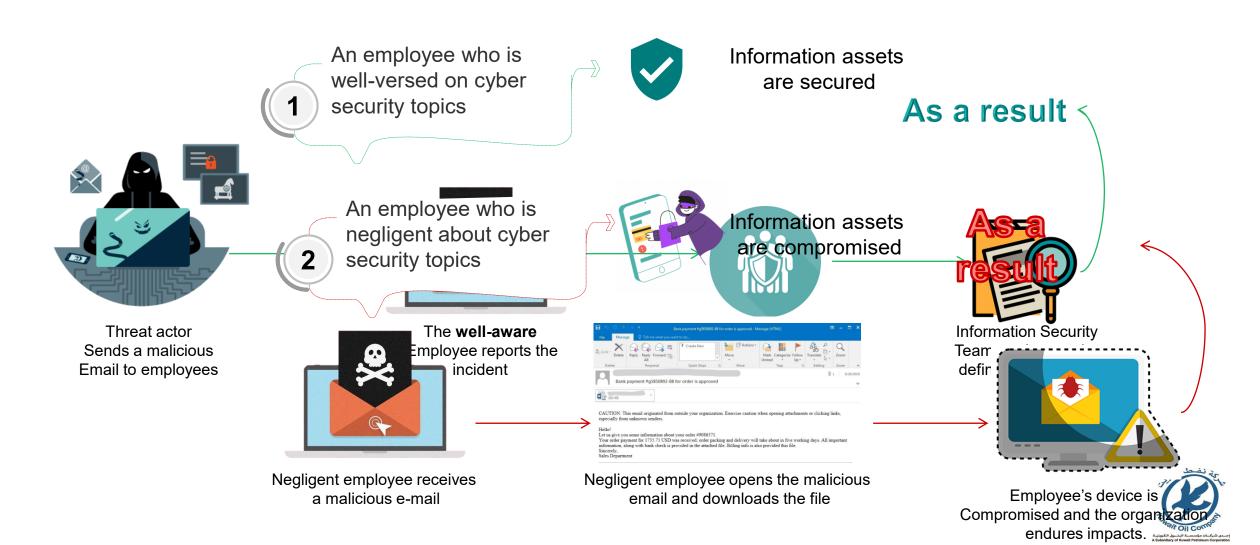
The cybercriminal gains unauthorized accesses to the user's credentials.



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#### **Organizational Asset Usage**

The security of an organization's assets are directly associated with employees' awareness of cyber security matters.

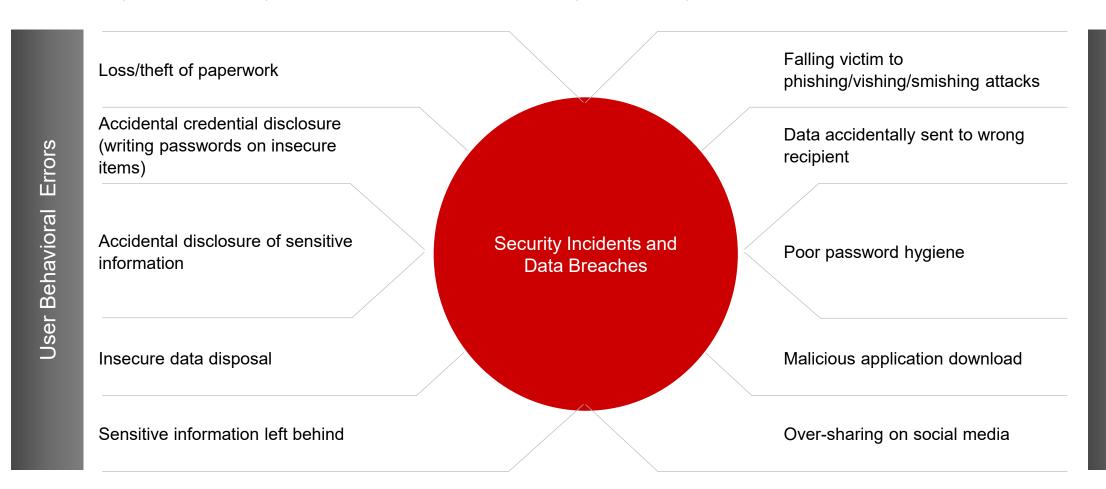


# User Behavioral Errors

#### **Examples of People Actions Leading to Cyber Security Incidents**

#### Cyber Security as a Field that is Centered on Human Behavior

Users may unintentionally contribute to the success of a cyber security attack as a result of some of their behaviors.





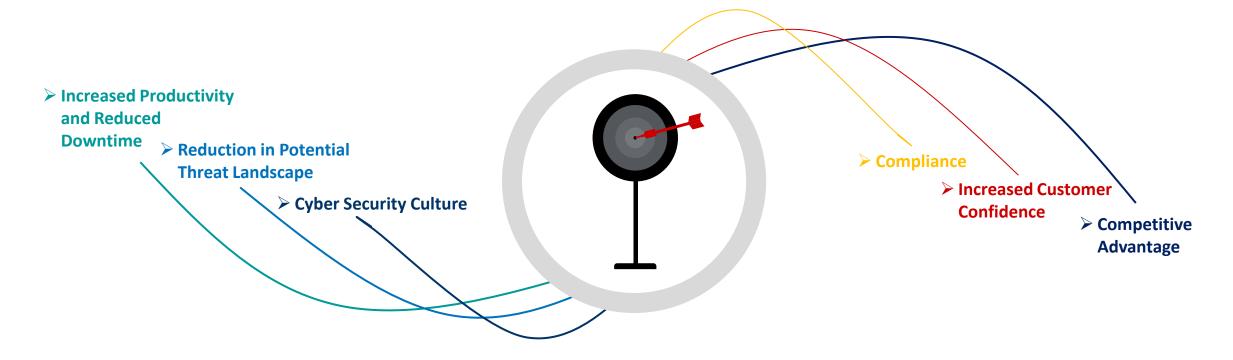
# Benefits of Enhancing Cyber Security Awareness



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#### Why should an Organization Focus on Enhancing Employee Awareness

Organizations would enjoy the following benefits once they ensure that their employees are adequately informed of cyber security topics.







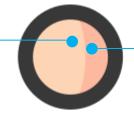
#### The Goal of a Cyber Security Culture

There are multiple factors that are entailed into the establishment of an effective cyber security culture



#### **Understanding/Comprehension**

The ability to understand and comprehend cyber security concepts so that they could be shared with others.



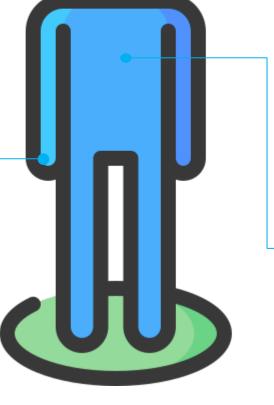
#### Awareness/Knowledge

Employees can implement the key takeaways of the awareness sessions provided to them.



#### **Actions**

Employees behave in a way that does not expose themselves or their organization to cyber security threats.



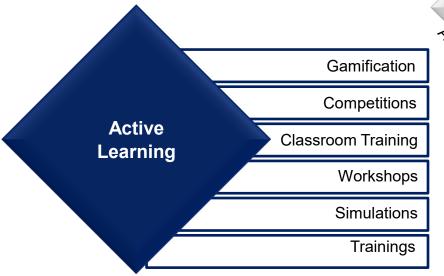
#### Commitment Employees' ye

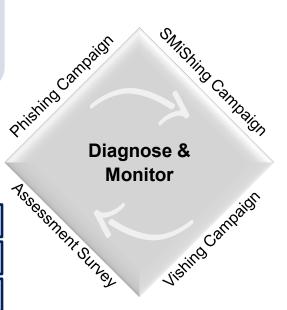
Employees' value the importance of cyber security and support the organization in achieving its cyber security goals.

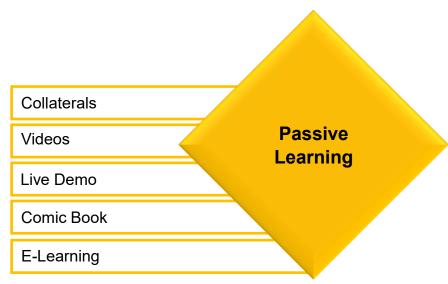


**Classifying Methods used to Enhance Cyber Security Awareness** 

Focuses on engaging the employees to ensure that they are learning the required skills







Focuses on delivering the information to the employees and expects them to internalize it.



#### **Traditional Awareness Methods – Passive Learning**

#### **Awareness Messages**

- Postmasters
- Screen Savers
- Portal Banners
- SMS/WhatsApp/E-mail Messages
- ➤ Guidelines



#### **Traditional Awareness Methods – Active Learning**

#### **Awareness Activities**

- ➤ Trainings Sessions
- Events & Forums
- Behavioral Activities (Phishing/Vishing/Smishing/ Walkthrough Exercises)

#### Learning (e-learning/classrooms) tonics that could be covered to

#	Scenario	Vishing Activity Script
1	Technical Conference	Cyber Criminal: Hello this is Khaled from HR, am I speaking to Abc?  Victim: Yes this is Abc speaking  Cyber Criminal: As you might have heard, the 27th technical conference of the gas processes association GCC chapter is going to be held on the 12th -14th of August 2020 in Al Jumerah Hotel.  Victim: Yes I've heard about it.  Cyber Criminal: KOC employees will be receiving 60% discount during those days. We wanted to see if you would like for us to book you a room in the hotel during the conference duration.  Victim: Yes of course.  Cyber Criminal: Okay great, can you please send me a copy of your passport and working ID on this email: Khaledabck@gmail.com  Victim: yes sure  Cyber Criminal: Okay one second let me check.  *Checks to see if the email is sent*



#### The Modern Approach to Cyber Security Awareness

Modern approaches to cyber security awareness focus on active learning.



A Virtual Reality (VR) experience where participants find themselves in an 360° virtual office and must identify potential security breaches which are located around the office and try to prevent incidents from occurring.



A live demonstration where participants will realize the extent to which home devices are vulnerable, and how these vulnerabilities can be exploited. The activity demonstrates household IoT devices being hacked.



Each team will attempt to escape the room by solving challenges. The players will have to prevent a cybersecurity attack from occurring by determining all the mistakes made by an employee.



Participants find hidden clues and read awareness messages along the way. When missions are completed, they gain points and can view their scores in comparison to others based on the public score board.



# The Need of Awareness Program Measurement



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Why is Measurement Important?

Effective measurement is important for ensuring effectiveness of Cyber Security Program



# **Key Takeaways**



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#### Importance of Cyber Security Culture

Cyber security culture promotes behaviors, attitudes and a mindset that contributes to the organization's cyber security goals and objectives.

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#### **Methods of Cyber Security Awareness**

Modern technologies are focusing on the provision of tailored cyber security awareness programs that leverage the benefits of both active and passive learning.



Lack of Cyber security awareness increases the likelihood of cyber attacks and increases the severity of the resulting financial, operational and reputational and cultural impact. 02



# **Continuous Measurement and Improvement**

Continuous measurement and improvement of cyber security awareness metrics is important to promote an effective, tailored cyber security program.



# **Thank You**

