The Commonwealth of Virginia is made up of 8.6 million Virginia residents, 133 localities, over 120 state agencies and over 100,000 state employees. We are committed to keeping our systems and data both connected and protected.

In 2021,

- 34 million cyber attack attempts
- 600,000 malware attack attempts

on Virginia Executive Branch systems.

$65 BILLION was stolen from 15.4 million U.S. consumers in 2016. (Source: Identity Fraud Studies)

43% of cyber attacks target small business. (Source: Small Business Trends)

1.5 MILLION unfilled cybersecurity jobs by 2019 (Source: Cyber Security Jobs Report)

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A cyber incident is an adverse event to information technology resulting in damage, loss or other negative impacts on the organization. Cybersecurity incidents typically involve an internal or external actor using technology to negatively impact an organization.

**Report cyber incidents**

As of July 1, every state and local public body must report to the Virginia Fusion Intelligence Center all incidents that:

- Threaten the security of the Commonwealth’s data or communications;
- Result in exposure of data protected by federal or state laws; or
- Compromise the security of the public entity or agency’s IT systems with the potential to cause major disruption to normal activities.

These reports must be made within 24 hours of discovering an incident.

Common activities are not cyber incidents unless they cause negative impacts:

- Port scans and other probes; or
- Emails that appear to be scams or phishing


*This information may change based on current cybersecurity threats.*

**Stay up-to-date**

Visit [cyberva.virginia.gov](http://cyberva.virginia.gov) to learn the latest and best practices for staying cyber safe.

**Join us**

Reach out to Deputy Secretary of Cybersecurity Aliscia Andrews to connect on partnerships, ask questions and get involved.