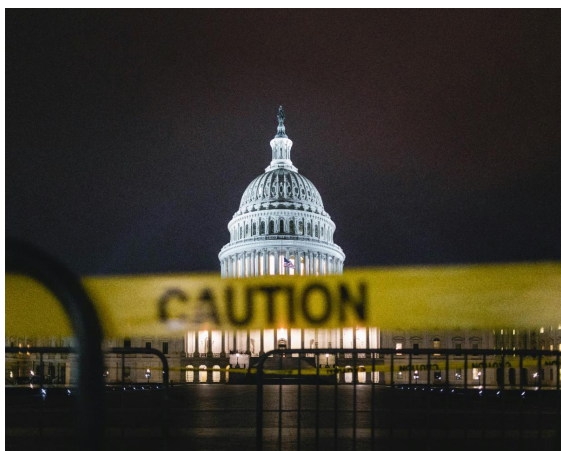


Cybersecurity Corner

Federal and state officials warn that scammers are posing as government agencies and using common tactics like text messages, phone calls and emails to target federal employees and beneficiaries. They want to steal your personal information, or may say a "fee" needs to be paid for benefits to continue.

The Federal Trade Commission's fraud and scam reporting website is down due to the shutdown. If you go to the website, a message states, "due to the government shutdown, we are unable to offer this website service at this time." It adds that operations will be restored when the shutdown ends.

Remember, the government is never to going call, text or email you out of the blue and demand money or information, (especially right now). Never confirm your personal information to someone who contacts you unsolicited. Always take the step to contact the business or agency directly to verify. If you reach out directly and discover that department is closed, you have gotten your answer - they didn't contact you if they're closed.



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