# Monthly InfoSec Newsletter

## December 2020

## Safety Tips for Online Shopping during the Holidays

Every Holiday season, billions of dollars are spent buying products online. This year, staying safe and protecting ourselves from COVID, will push shoppers to spend even more money online than ever before.  In the spirit of the Christmas season, CSU Pueblo IT is bringing you a few helpful online shopping tips to help protect yourself from scammers who are lurking in the shadows.

**First**, stick to known websites like Amazon.com or BestBuy.com. Using lesser known websites may lead to a fake website that is set up to take your payment information.

**Second**, only use websites using https:// (the secure lock [image 1]). The lock means that they are using HTTPS, which in turn means that your credit card information is encrypted as it travels across your network and Internet.

**Third,** do not give out more information than needed. Normally, you will need to provide some credit card and location information. Beware of anyone asking for your social security number or other information that you would normally feel uncomfortable giving out when meeting someone new. Hopefully these few online shopping tips will help you stay safe and make your Christmas season enjoyable and fun.

## Everfi Data Security and Privacy Training

**Data security** means protecting stored digital data or personal information from threat actors who may attempt to access it through malicious attacks or data breaches. In an effort to protect our campus data, our IT department has provided the annual **IT Data Security and Privacy training**. In this course, you will learn what makes you vulnerable, and the seemingly normal behaviors you may engage in on a daily basis that can be adjusted to make our workplace more secure.

This training is through EverFi and has been emailed out to all faculty and staff. We're asking that you complete the training by December 31st. As an employee, you play a major role in ensuring the security of our campus.

Thank you for reading this month's newsletter and as always please let us know any ideas you may have for improvements at infosec@csupueblo.edu

Have a great Holiday season!

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