

8 Common Cyber Threats

Familiarize yourself with these types of cyber threats to better protect yourself from criminals.

30,752

Number of reported cybercrime allegations in 2020 in Canada



Data breach

When a hacker uses your data for personal gain, identity theft or cyberbullying.



Malware

Short for 'malicious software,' software that can corrupt or take over your system.



Phishing

Email designed to make you disclose personal information or download malware.



Spear phishing

A form of phishing where the attacker impersonates someone you trust.



Ransomware

A form of malware that locks down your system until ransom is paid.



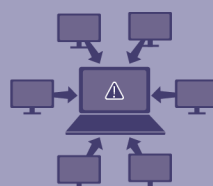
Mobile attacks

Mobile devices can be vulnerable to malware and privacy breaches.



Trojan

Software that appears legitimate but tricks you into launching malware.



Distributed Denial of Service Attack (DDoS)

An attacker uses thousands of devices to overload a server and crash it.

Lost to cybercriminals in 2020

\$101 MILLION

Cyber criminals are getting very sophisticated, and it's getting harder and harder for victims to spot scams. Talk to your insurance broker to consider adding personal cyber coverage.