



ORS Security Bulletin

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Recognizable Characteristics in Suspicious Emails

Emails show signs of being tailored to your company and its projects. Please be mindful of emails exhibiting the following characteristics:

1. **Sender:** Originates from a commercial email provider (e.g., Gmail) with a common, American-sounding name that is not from a recognized business or organization.
2. **Subject & Content:** References a specific SBIR project or technology area that your company is known to be working on.
3. **The "Ask":** Asks seemingly technical questions about the project's performance, challenges, or development status.
4. **Key Red Flag:** Requests to move the conversation to an unsecure, third-party messaging application, such as WhatsApp.

Guidance for Reporting:

1. **Inform Personnel:** Please ensure your employees are aware of this activity.
2. **Instruct Employees:** Advise employees not to respond to these emails, click on any links, or engage with the sender.
3. **Internal Reporting:** Direct employees to report any such email to you, their Facility Security Officer.
4. **External Reporting:** As the FSO, please forward any suspicious emails you receive from your employees to your DCSA Covering Counterintelligence Agent as they are reported.



Security Word Search

If you complete the Security Word Search below and are the first individual to bring it **in-person** to the Office of Research Security, you will win a prize!!!

Hidden Words

0 of 16 words found

- ANTIVIRUS
- BLUETOOTH
- CYBERSECURITY
- ENCRYPTION
- FIREWALL
- HACKER
- MALWARE
- NETWORK
- PASSPHRASE
- PASSWORD
- PHISHING
- RANSOMWARE
- SMISHING
- TROJAN
- VISHING
- VULNERABILITY

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2026 Annual Security Refresher Training

ORS has the following dates reserved for in-person Security Refresher Training. Registration and lunch will be from 11:00-11:30. **Training starts promptly at 11:30.**

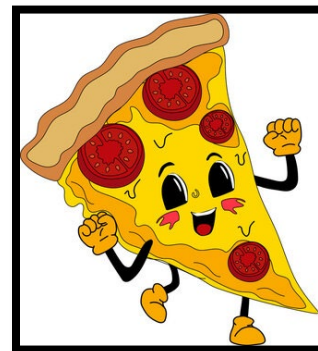
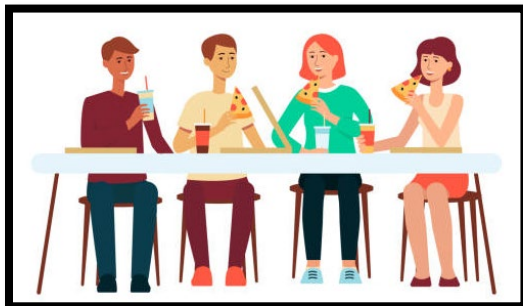
For admission to training events, you must RSVP (using your UAH email account) at the link below which corresponds to your chosen date of attendance.

- [Wednesday, April 22nd](#)
- [Wednesday, April 29th](#)
- [Wednesday, May 13th](#)
- [Wednesday, May 20th](#)

For anyone who does not work in VBH, ***meet at ORS at 10:50*** for escort to the training location.

Keep in Mind – One of the requirements to maintain your PCL is to complete Annual Refresher Training. Per the 32 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 117.12(k), contractors will provide all cleared employees with security education and training every 12 months. Refresher training will reinforce the information provided during the initial security briefing, keep cleared employees informed of changes in security regulations, and address issues or concerns identified during contractor self-reviews.

All cleared employees will need to attend an in-person session, if they are local to the Huntsville area and within a 2-hour drive.



Please remember to report any suspicious contacts or activity to ORS.

Stay aware and stay safe!



KNOW YOUR SECURITY TEAM!



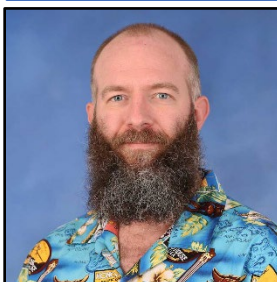
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