

PRESS STATEMENT

COMMEMORATION OF THE CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH 2025

Theme:

“Building Our Cyber Safe Culture”

The Malawi Computer Emergency Response Team (mwCERT), which is a unit within the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA), is pleased to inform the public that October is Global Cybersecurity Awareness. Malawi has joined the global community in observing Global Cybersecurity Month 2025, while adopting the theme **“Building Our Cyber Safe Culture”**, to guide national awareness initiatives. The month-long campaign highlights the importance of staying safe and secure online; a priority that touches everyone, from individual users to large organizations.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month brings together public and private sector partners to equip everyone who uses digital services with the knowledge and tools needed to stay safe online. Since its inception in 2004, this global initiative has become the leading platform for promoting good cybersecurity practices. It unites businesses, government agencies, educational institutions, professional associations, non-profits, community groups, and individuals who are committed to driving awareness and helping people navigate the digital world securely.

This annual campaign highlights the importance of staying safe and secure online, a priority that affects everyone; from individual users to businesses, schools, and government institutions. The theme calls on all of us to make cybersecurity a natural part of our daily lives. Just as we lock our homes and safeguard our belongings, we must also protect our digital spaces.

Protecting ourselves online begins with awareness and thoughtful choices. Every device we use, every platform we visit, and every interaction we have online carries potential risks. Understanding these risks, recognizing unusual activity, and making conscious decisions about what we share, who we connect with, and how we engage digitally can greatly reduce exposure to cyber threats. Cyber safety is not just about tools and technology; but rather about mindset and discipline.

Adopting these habits today strengthens our resilience for tomorrow.

Throughout October, public, private, and community stakeholders are encouraged to participate in discussions, training sessions, and awareness activities designed to equip people with the knowledge and tools needed to thrive safely in the digital world. By working together and sharing best practices, we can cultivate a culture of cybersecurity that becomes part of everyday life. Everyone has a role to play.

Key Action Points for All

To support the public in strengthening cybersecurity, mwCERT recommends the following measures, which can be implemented easily by individuals, businesses, and organizations:

- **Create strong, unique passwords and manage them carefully.**
- **Turn on multi-factor authentication wherever possible.**
- **Recognize, avoid, and report phishing attempts.**
- **Keep all software, applications, and devices up to date.**
- **Limit sharing of personal information online and review privacy settings regularly.**
- **Report any cyber incidents to mwCERT through [reporting @mwcert.mw](mailto:reporting@mwcert.mw) or visit www.mwcert.mw.**

By practicing responsible online behavior and supporting one another, we can build a safer and more resilient digital environment for Malawi.

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