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Spotting Cyber Incidents Fast: Recognize Threats in Under 30 Seconds

Top Signs Your System Is Compromised

If you see ANY of these, report it immediately:

- Computer suddenly slows down or freezes
- New programs or icons you didn't install
- Antivirus disabled or won't turn on
- Files renamed, encrypted, or missing
- Browser opens random pages or pop-ups
- Unknown USB devices plugged in or found connected
- System rebooting mysteriously or shutting off

High-Risk User Activity

Watch for:

- Login attempts from other countries
- Logins at unusual times (midnight, weekends)
- Users accessing systems outside their job role
- Large downloads or uploads by non-technical staff
- Excessive password failures

Red Flags in Network Behavior

Call IT/Security if you see:

- Strange outbound network traffic
- Unknown cloud uploads (Dropbox, Mega, Google Drive)
- Remote access connections you did not initiate
- Heavy bandwidth during off-hours
- Frequent firewall or VPN alerts



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Common Cyber Attacks

Attack Type	Quick Warning Sign
Phishing	Email asks for password or payment
Ransomware	Files suddenly encrypted with strange names
Malware Infection	Computer suddenly slow, antivirus disabled
Data Theft	Sudden upload to unknown cloud services
Brute Force Attack	Many login failures, then successful login
Insider Threat	User downloads/exports data they don't need

What To Do If You See Something

- ♀ Don't shut your computer off
- ♀ Disconnect from Wi-Fi/network cable
- ♀ Take a photo/screenshot of what you see
- ♀ Report immediately to Security/IT
- ♀ Do NOT delete anything (could destroy evidence)