New Year, New URL! Cybersecurity in 2026

Our cybersecurity resolutions

Many people make resolutions at the start of the new year. Now is a good time to promise yourself that you'll improve your health — that is, your cyber-health! Here are our top cybersecurity resolutions for the year ahead.

I will hover my mouse over links before I click on them.

This one never goes out of date. Links don't always go where they say they will, and you want to start the year off right.

I will not be fooled by high-pressure tactics from scammers.

Whether they're phishing for your info or using a rage-inducing fake article as clickbait—don't fall for it! Never let yourself be pressured into acting quickly and carelessly online.

I will always use a VPN, especially when traveling.

Privacy is more important than ever, and a VPN encrypts your traffic while you're online.

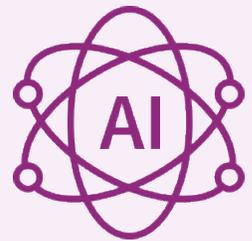### I will research devices and apps before I make a purchase.

With so many options available, being a savvy consumer is key. Research and read reviews so that you don't fall for a scammy app or an insecure device.

Five big breaches of 2025

1. **Blue Shield of California, April 2025 :** 4.7 million people had had their private health information exposed to Google for years[1]
2. **Yale New Haven Health System, March 2025 :** 5.5 million records exposed, possibly stolen by hackers[2]
3. **Qantas Airways, July 2025 :** 5.7 million customer records exposed to hackers and potentially released[3]
4. **SK Telecom, April 2025 :** 27 million users' SIM card data compromised[4]
5. **Chinese surveillance database, June 2025 :** 4 billion records exposed, covering Chinese citizens' online payment details, social media activity and more[5]

Looking at the threat landscape ahead

When it comes to 2026 and cybersecurity, the word on the street is actually two letters: AI! Hackers will continue to improve their command of AI tools, creating more complex and convincing emails, phone calls, and videos. Brush up on your phish-spotting skills and stay safe as we roll into the new year!

1. https://www.securityweek.com/blue-shield-of-california-data-breach-impacts-4-7-million-people/ , 2. https://www.hipaajournal.com/yale-new-haven-health-system-data-breach/ , 3. https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/12/world/australia/australia-qantas-airlines-cyber-attack.html, 4. https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/boards-policy-regulation/south-korea-agency-fines-sk-telecom-97-million-over-major-data-leak-2025-08-28/ , 5. https://cybernews.com/security/chinese-data-leak-billiones-records-exposed/

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