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Attorney General Ashley Moody News Release



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is issuing a Consumer Alert warning Floridians about potential cyberattacks due to growing tensions in Europe. This comes on the heels of a warning from Washington, D.C. that [Russia is exploring options for a potential attack](#). Critical infrastructure is thought to be the most likely target of such an attack; however, attacks can be more broad, meaning anyone with information online could be affected—leading to losses in money, private information and use of digital devices.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Cyberattacks are not always narrowly targeted. In fact, many hackers cast wide nets in an effort to steal as much information as possible. With the growing tensions in Europe and new warnings out of Washington, I want to encourage all Floridians to remain diligent in their efforts to protect identities and financial information online.”

Cybersecurity experts know that hackers cast wide nets, often ensnaring small businesses, nonprofits and private citizens when launching these online assaults. Attorney General Moody is warning consumers about the possibility of widespread cyberattacks.

To guard against cyberattacks, Attorney General Moody recommends that Floridians:

- Use strong passwords and do not use the same password for multiple accounts;
- Use security software, and keep it updated;
- [Connect a separate bank account to use online payment apps](#);
- [Do not click on links from unknown senders](#);
- Closely check a sender's email address or phone number before responding; and
- [Ignore and block illegal robotexts](#).

For additional online safety tips for Floridians, click [here](#).

The Florida Division of Emergency Management cites [Ready.gov](#) as source for more tips to prevent cyberattacks and learn more about cybersecurity.

To view other recent Consumer Alerts, visit our Consumer Alert webpage at [MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert](#).

Anyone who encounters a cyberattack can also file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at [IC3.gov](#), or contact local law enforcement.

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The Florida Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division issues Consumer Alerts to inform Floridians of emerging scams, new methods used to commit fraud, increased reports of common scams, or any other deceptive practice. Consumer Alerts are designed to notify Floridians about scams and available refunds in an effort to prevent financial losses or other harm caused by deceptive practices. Anyone encountering a scam should report the incident to the Florida Attorney General's Office by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](#).