

# The First Line of Defence Against Cybersecurity Threats in Healthcare

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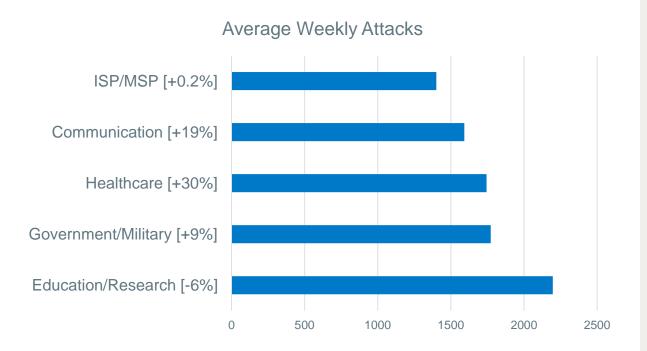


## Healthcare Sector Prime target of Cyberattack

## **Statistics on Cyberattacks – Healthcare**

#### **Average Weekly Attacks**

The **Healthcare** sector followed closely behind, with an average of **1744** attacks per week, reflecting a significant YoY increase of **30%**.

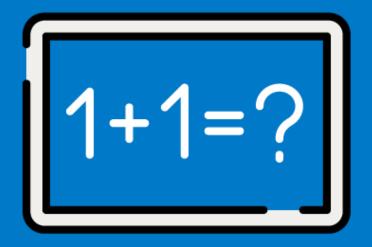


### **Global Ransomware Attacks per Industry**

Healthcare has a high attack ratio, with 1 out of 27 organizations attacked. The 16% increase in attacks year-over-year highlights growing risk.

Industry	Organization Attacked Ratio	YoY Change
Consultant	1 out of 38	128%
Insurance/Legal	1 out of 47	71%
Utilities	1 out of 37	60%
Transportation	1 out of 49	43%
Leisure/Hospitality	1 out of 55	41%
Finance/Banking	1 out of 31	33%
Communications	1 out of 37	24%
Healthcare	1 out of 27	16%
SI/VAR/Distributor	1 out of 41	15%
Software vendor	1 out of 65	13%
Hardware vendor	1 out of 73	7%
ISP/MSP	1 out of 36	2%
Education/Research	1 out of 31	-2%
Government/Military	1 out of 25	-4%
Retail/Wholesale	1 out of 60	-11%

# Why Healthcare?



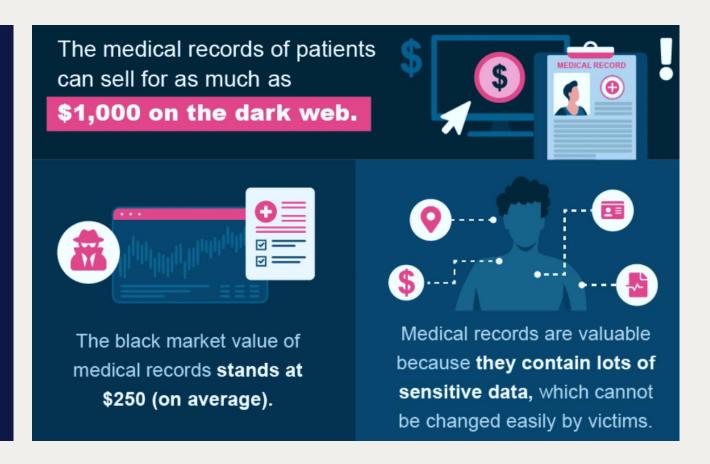


#### **Why Healthcare?**



#### **Medical Data Is Valuable**

 Healthcare organizations store valuable personal information, including medical histories, and insurance details, making them attractive to hackers.

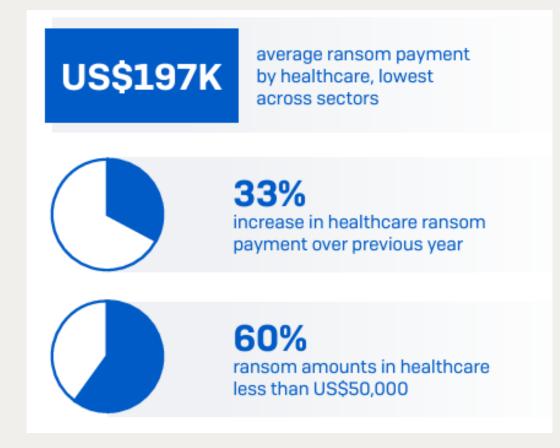


#### **Why Healthcare?**



#### Paying the ransom

- Nearly half (47%) said their organizations experienced a ransomware attack in the past two years
- In a 2022 Sophos survey of healthcare IT professionals, a solid majority (61%) acknowledged that their organizations paid a ransom, well above the average of all industries (46%)



#### **Why Healthcare?**



#### COVID-19 App

- COVID-19 apps were highly vulnerable due to rushed and subpar development
- Significant majority of these apps exhibited major security flaws,

#### **High-Profile COVID-19 Data Leaks**

#### Pfizer Breach

 Hackers breached the European Medicines Agency and stole data related to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine candidate

#### **Wales Patient Data Breach**

 Public Health Wales accidentally posted COVID-19 patient data for 18,000 residents on a public-facing database for 20 hours

#### **Brazil COVID-19 Data Breach**

 A Brazilian hospital employee inadvertently exposed sensitive data of 16 million COVID-19 patients, including the President of Brazil

#### **Germany's COVID-19 Tracking App**

 A remote code execution vulnerability was discovered and swiftly addressed in Germany's COVID-19 tracking app



# Weakest Link in Cybersecurity

01

#### **Technology**

- It follows programmed instructions and provides repeatable outputs.
- Security vulnerabilities can exist, but these can be fixed with updates.

02

#### **Process**

- Processes are a series of steps designed for consistent outcomes.
- Broken processes can be reviewed and fixed with clear solutions.

03

#### **People**

- People make independent decisions, sometimes irrationally and unpredictability.
- Errors are common and unpredictable, despite awareness training.

#### "Humans Are the Weakest Link in Cybersecurity"

#### **Incidents in Hong Kong**

Incidents reported to Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center(香港電腦保安事故協調中心) since 2018

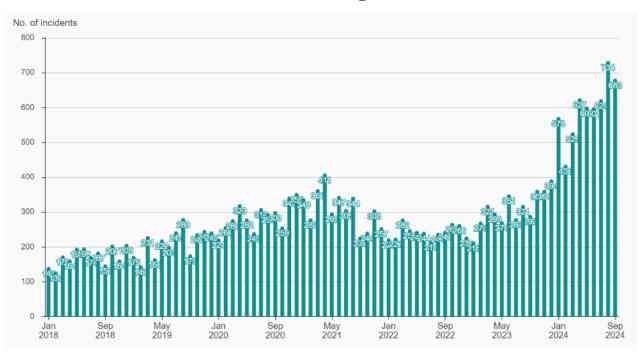


**Botnet** and **Phishing** are TOP 2 types of incident

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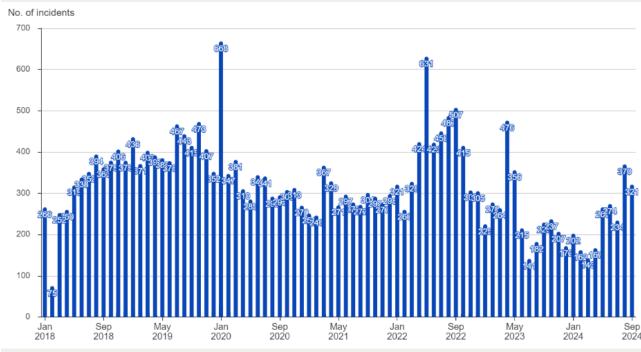
#### **Incidents in Hong Kong**

#### **Phishing**



#### Significant increase of Phishing incident since 2023

#### **Botnet**



Steady / drop of Botnet since 2023

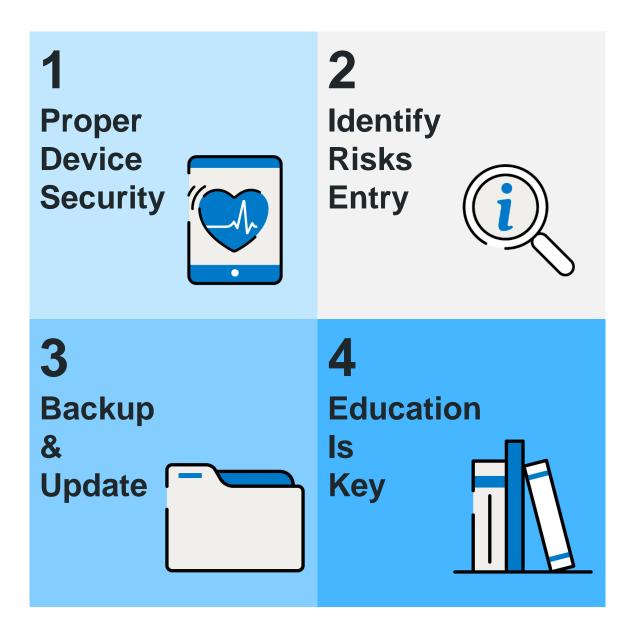
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#### **Live Demo**

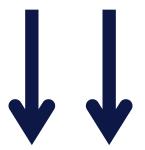
Took Al less than 5s to draft legitimate phishing email



# **Cyberattack Prevention**



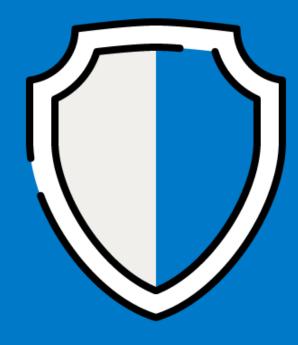
# "Humans are the weakness link."



People are our first line of defence.



# How Can We Equip the People?



#### **Training + Awareness Program**



#### **Training**

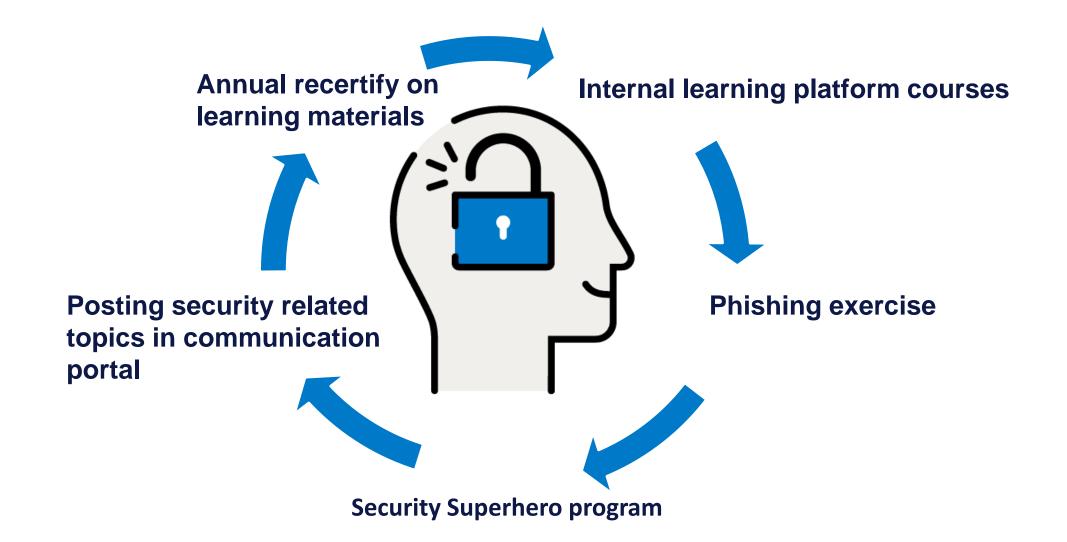
- Provide regular training
- Provide Up-to-date material
- Apply to their real lives
- Offer hands-on capabilities



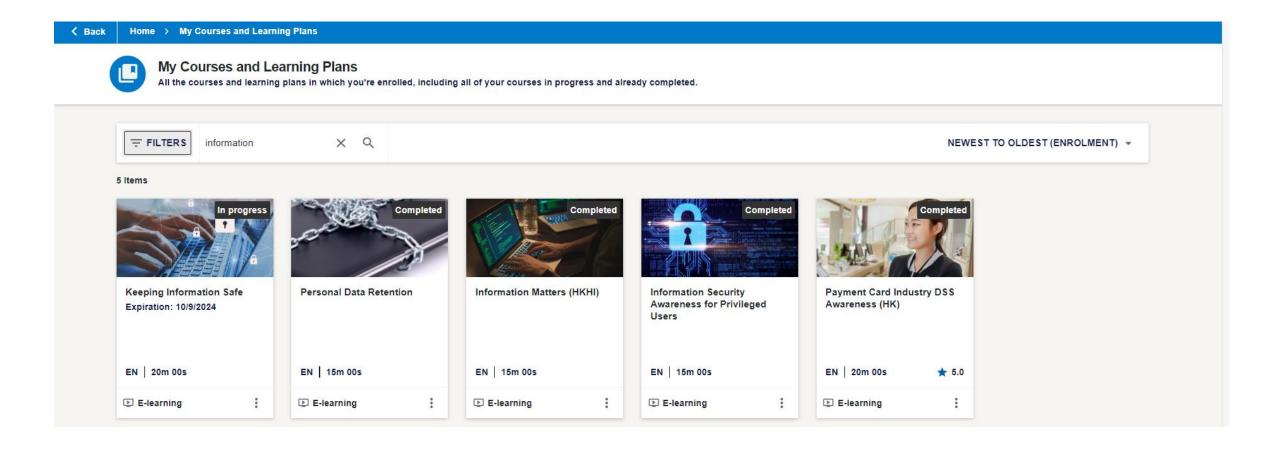
#### **Awareness Program**

- Educate employees on recognizing phishing and social engineering attacks.
- Promote a security-first mindset across the organization.

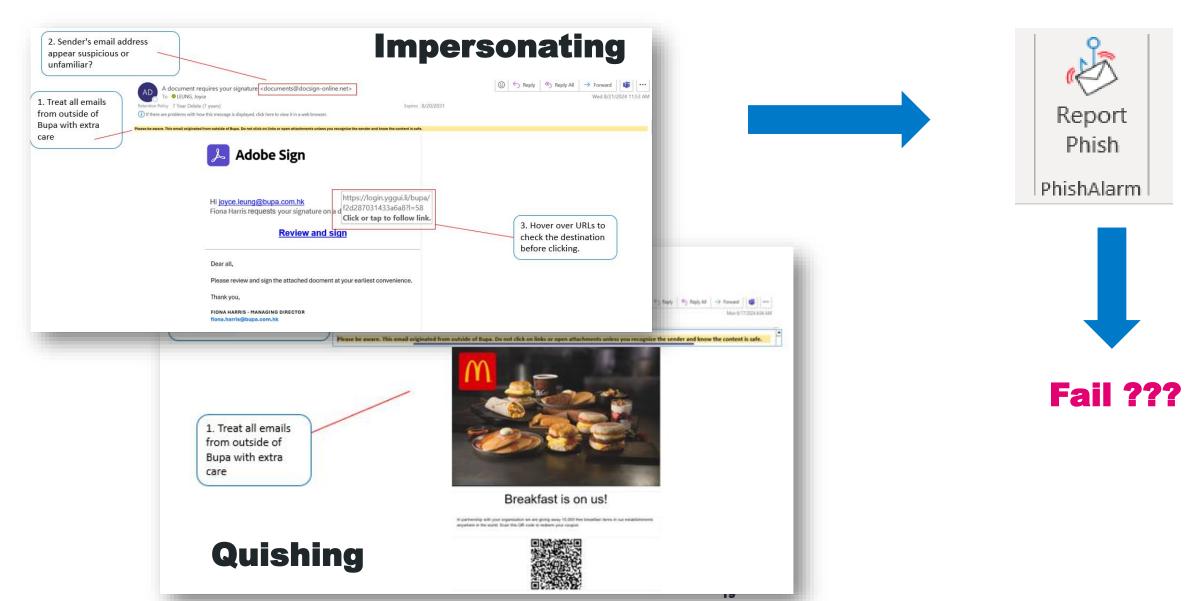
#### **Training + Awareness Program**



#### **Annual recertify**



## **Conduct simulation exercise regularly with different themes**



#### Provide focus training & mandatory assessment



Phishing Awareness In-depth Training

(By InfoSec)

Assessment – for course completion



- ➤ For course completion, please submit your answers (Q1 Q10) through the <u>online assessment</u> within 3 days after the training
- ➤ 100% passing score is required for training completion
- If you got score below 100%, re-do the assessment is required

Passing Score 100 %



Redo Assessment



#### **Importance of Reporting Phishing**

**01**Prevent future exposure

through the oneclick action



02 Avoid incidents

> notify other colleagues of the threat (if it's a real attack)



O3
Show your security awareness

no two attacks are the same



#### **Clear Policies and Guidelines**

- Establish and communicate clear cybersecurity policies
- Ensure easy access to these guidelines for all employees



#### How it helps our People

#### Awareness:

People will be aware of best practices for protecting their information, such as using strong passwords or recognizing suspicious emails. This lack of knowledge can result in unintentional security breaches.

#### Emotional and Psychological Stress:

Experiencing a cyberattack or data breach can lead to significant stress and anxiety for individuals. The fear of identity theft or financial loss can have lasting emotional effects.

A clear policy can help people on handling the cyberattack



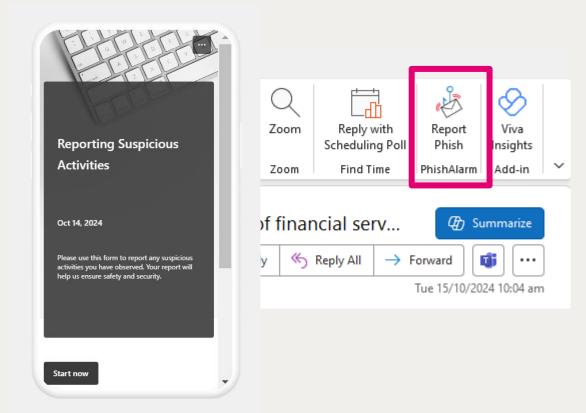
## **Encourage a Culture of Reporting**

- Create a non-punitive environment for reporting suspicious activities
- Reward proactive behavior in identifying potential threats



#### How it helps our People

- Increase Trust
- Enhance Collaboration
- Detection Threats in Early Stage



## **Provide Tools and Resource**

**Provide the right tools -** Don't overlook the critical need to enhance cybersecurity awareness training with practical tools



IDS / IPS Tools

**Penetration Testing** 

**Data Loss Prevention** 

**Email Security Tools** 

**Endpoint Detection** 

**Privileged Access Management** 

**Vulnerability Assessment** 

**Network Detection Tools** 

**Security information and event management** 

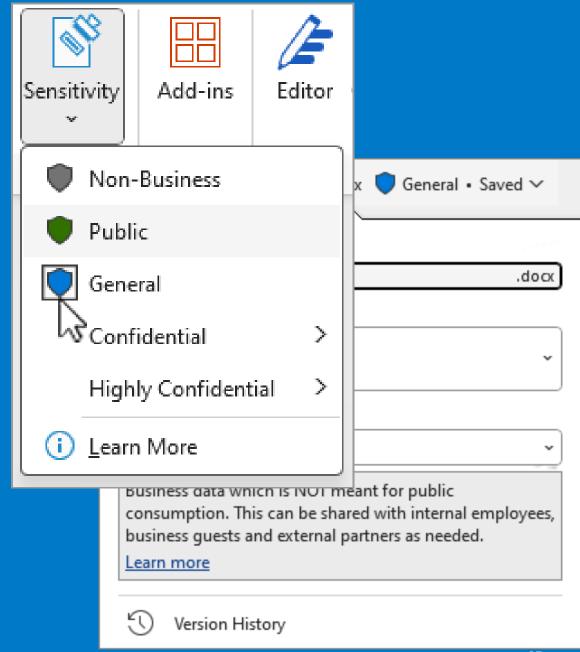
#### **Sensitivity Label**

Documents/Emails can be applied the "sensitivity label" to classify the data sensitivity level.

- Public Public Disclosure
- General Business related and widely shared within organization
- Confidential Data required protection (e.g. Medical History)

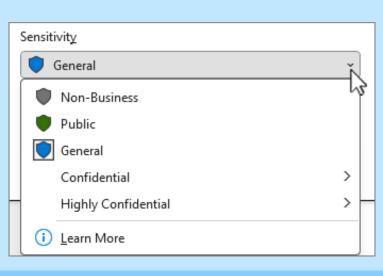
All saved documents and emails MUST be defined with sensitivity label.

Policies can be applied to restrict the sharing on documents / emails.

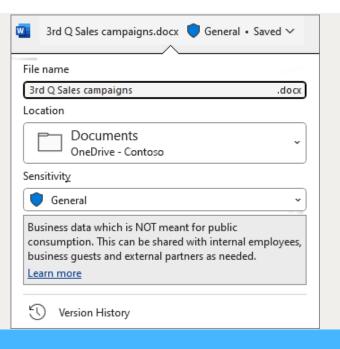


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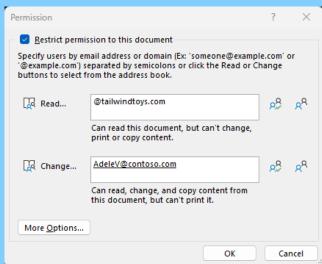
1.
Define
Sensitivity
Labels:



2. Apply Labels to Documents



3.
Set Up
Policies



4. Educate



#### **DLP Tools**

DLP or Data Loss Prevention is a cybersecurity solution that detects and prevents data breaches.

It can be applied to various platforms and applications, including:

- Web Browser
- Email Client
- Endpoint Device
- File Sharing Service

#### Comparison

### Firewall Network Protection

- It won't stop you from sending an email to your client.
- It focuses on keeping harmful traffic out of your network.

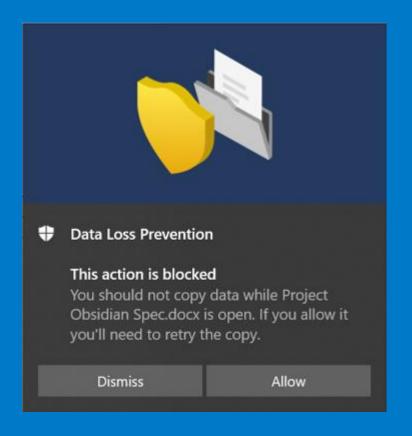
### **DLP**Data Protection

- It will stop you from sending sensitive information, like confidential documents, to your client if it's not allowed.
- DLP ensures important data stays secure.

#### **DLP Tools - Web Browser**

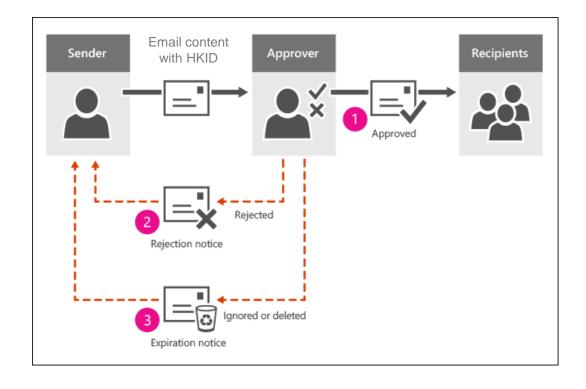


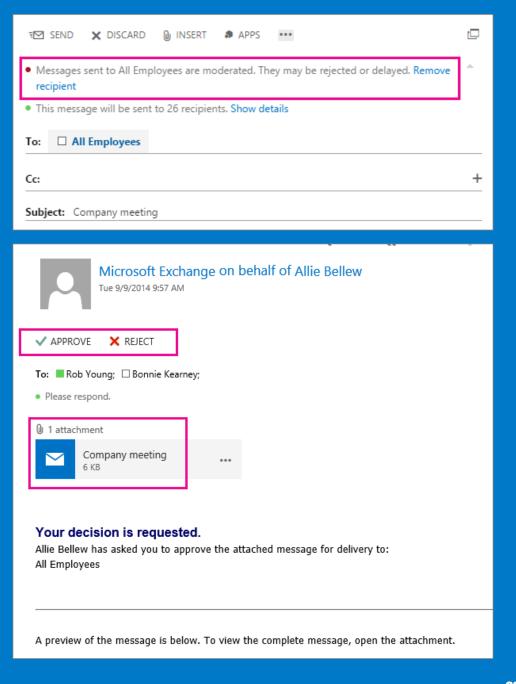
#### **DLP Tools - File Sharing**



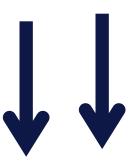
#### **DLP Tools - Email Client**

By integrating the DLP policies and email server moderated setting, emails with sensitive information MUST be required manager approval before sending out.





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# Thank you

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