

The 3-day Weekend is Almost Here: So is Ransomware and Wire Fraud

Highly impactful ransomware attacks and wire fraud are most likely to occur immediately prior to holidays and weekends.

Think before you click. Do not click on suspicious links or open suspicious attachments. Be aware that malicious emails may come from individuals you know as these individuals may have been compromised by threat actors. If you are concerned about an email from someone you know call them at a phone number you have on file (not one included in the suspect email message) and ask them if they sent the email.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) have observed an increase in ransomware attacks occurring prior to or on holidays and weekends. It is also a highly opportune time for threat actors to perpetuate wire transfer and other types of fraud as they use 3-day weekends to reduce the chance of being discovered quickly.

Although there is not a specific threat indicating a cyberattack will occur over the upcoming Labor Day holiday, malicious cyber actors have launched attacks during other holidays and weekends in 2021.

Should you have questions about an email you have received call us at (800) 498-8877 and select option #1 to let BankOnIT's staff know you have a question about a suspicious email you would like to have reviewed. We are here ready to help 24/7/365.

<https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/current-activity/2021/08/31/fbi-cisa-advisory-ransomware-awareness-holidays-and-weekends>