



CYBERSECURITY

[Alabama City Hit with Ransomware](#)

On June 5, 2020, Florence, Alabama's information technology systems were hit with ransomware by the DoppelPaymer group demanding a ransom payment of \$378,000 in bitcoin. Mayor Steve Holt confirmed that the attack shut down the city's email system, and that the city used an outside firm to negotiate the payment of a lower ransom of close to \$300,000 to avoid the publishing of the information of citizens on the internet by the attackers. [Read more](#)

[DHS Warns Windows 10 Users of Exploit Code](#)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) cybersecurity advisory arm issued a warning on its website that "[M]alicious cyber actors are targeting unpatched systems" with a new exploit code that on unpatched systems could spread to millions of computers.

The exploit code, called SMBGhost, attacks a security vulnerability in the server message block (SMB) that Microsoft patched in March 2020. If successful, the bug gives the user full access to the computer to run the malicious code remotely and because it is a worm, it can spread across networks, similar to WannaCry and NotPetya. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[CCPA Final Proposed Regulations Filed](#)

The California Attorney General submitted the final proposed California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) [regulations](#) to the California Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for review on June 1, 2020. According to the Attorney General's submission, OAL has 30 working days to review the regulations, plus an additional 60 calendar days under the Governor's Executive Order N-40-20 related to the pandemic, to review the regulations for procedural compliance under the Administrative Procedure Act. These are the last steps in the process of finalizing the CCPA regulations by the July 1, 2020 effective date. [Read more](#)

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[Think Twice Before Marketing with Robocalls](#)

Sales and marketing professionals in companies are usually energetic, vivacious and creative. That's what makes them so good at their jobs.

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But it's also these excitable folks who can get companies in trouble when it comes to the Do Not Call List and the Truth in Caller ID Act.

In addition to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, these laws require companies that are marketing products to follow rules before calling consumers, including (with exceptions) not to call people who have placed themselves on the Do Not Call List, to obtain prior express written consent to call them to market products or services, and not to lie about where you are calling from or spoof someone else's telephone number. All of these seem like reasonable rules to protect consumers from those irritating and unwanted robocalls. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #241

[Who is db851dd?](#)

This week, the Jumbo privacy app advised me that my name, address and email address had been involved in a data breach by db851dd. What the heck is that and how did they have my name, address and email address in the first place? So what is the db851dd and how did they get my information? This week's privacy tip discusses the mystery. [Read more](#)



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