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CYBERSECURITY

[HC3 Warns Healthcare Organizations about Akira Ransomware Group](#)

The Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center (HC3) recently warned the health care sector about the Akira ransomware group that has been hitting health care organizations since May of 2023. In an Analyst Note dated February 7, 2024, HC3 stated that although Akira is a relatively new ransomware group, it has attacked at least 81 organizations in its short life, and "U.S. healthcare organizations are advised to follow the steps in this alert to minimize their risk of attack." [Read more](#)

[Dragos Outlines Voltzite's Attacks Against Critical Infrastructure](#)

In a joint release last week, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and other federal agencies issued a chilling [Advisory](#) about the ongoing attacks by Volt Typhoon on U.S. critical infrastructure. Volt Typhoon is a People's Republic of China (PRC) sponsored group that uses slow and persistent techniques to gain entry into U.S.-based critical infrastructure. CISA urges "critical infrastructure organizations and technology manufacturers to read the joint advisory and guidance to defend against this threat." [Read more](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

[Memo for Use of AI During Practice Issued by USPTO](#)

After several high-profile instances of artificial intelligence (AI) hallucination and Chief Justice John Roberts's [year-end report](#) acknowledging the shortcomings of blindly relying on AI in legal writing, Kathi Vidal, the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), issued a [memo](#) concerning the use of AI when practicing before the USPTO. She echoed that while AI can be helpful to practitioners, the existing USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct impose duties related to any submission. [Read More](#)

PRIVACY TIPS

[Privacy Tip #389 – FTC Outlines Top Scams in 2023](#)

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) keeps track of scams that are reported to it and summarizes those scams in a report outlining the most successful scams of the prior year. [Read more](#)

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