

CyberHoot vs Traditional security awareness training providers

The best defense is a positive offense

Looking for better results from your security awareness training? Where traditional phishing tests use 'gotcha' tactics that trick employees into failure, CyberHoot's positive reinforcement approach trains them to recognize and report real threats.

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Organizations choosing positive reinforcement











THE PROBLEM

Your employees dislike traditional phishing tests

X They trick

Fake phishing emails are designed to catch employees out, increasing stress without improving results.

X They punish

Traditional testing punishes those who make mistakes, forcing additional training that lowers morale.

X They fail

Typical simulation training is unengaging, so users drop off and fail to learn the security awareness they need.

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THE CYBERHOOT DIFFERENCE

Stop attacking. Start supporting.

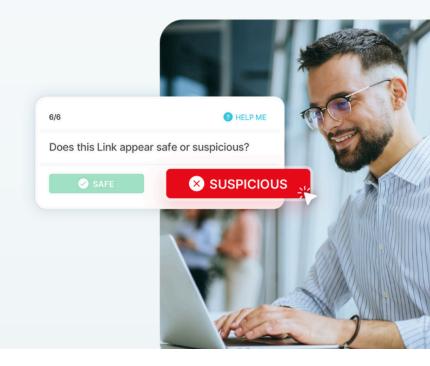
The research is clear. Fake phishing tests and "fail" grades don't encourage employees and can actually increase vulnerabilities by making employees more anxious, less confident, and more likely to click. CyberHoot's positive reinforcement builds genuine security awareness.

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Don't create anxiety. Build confidence.

Fake phishing emails designed to catch employees out create stress and reduce trust between employees and IT teams.

CyberHoots interactive training teaches employees how to spot threats, building genuine security awareness through positive reinforcement.







INCREASED ENGAGEMENT

Positive gamification beats negative training

Traditional static training models are dull and unengaging. Black Hat research found over 50% of employees abandon them in under 10 seconds, leaving gaps in your security awareness.

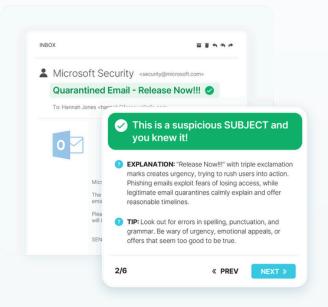
CyberHoot's interactive, gamified approach keeps employees engaged and builds lasting behavior change.

INCREASED SECURITY

Address real threats with realistic scenarios

Attack phishing simulations use simple, predictable domains that don't match the vendors they impersonate, making them easy to spot and failing to build real awareness.

CyberHoot uses hyper-realistic scenarios that teach employees to recognize actual threat indicators via interactive walkthroughs.



Overview: Langdale Care 2 76 Users Foundational Compliance: 100% Videos Compliance: 100% HootPhish Compliance: 100% AttackPhish Compliance: 100%

SMARTER ANALYTICS

Complete visibility drives measurable improvements

Traditional phishing emails are often only tracked when a user clicks. If employees ignore the email, you get zero insights into their security readiness.

CyberHoot's interactive training monitors every individual user's progress with 100% visibility for all users, tracking improvements, and identifying weak links.



CYBERHOOT VS TRADITIONAL VENDORS

Expanding protection across the educational community

	CyberHoot	Other Vendors
APPROACH		
Learning Method	✓ Positive reinforcement	X Negative "gotcha" testing
Training Type	✓ Interactive + realistic	X Traditional phishing emails
Simulation	✓ Hyper-realistic	X Over-simplified
	CyberHoot	Other Vendors
EFFECTIVENESS		
EFFECTIVENESS Engagement Rate	✓ High with gamification and rewards	➤ 50%+ abandon training in under 10 seconds
Engagement Rate	rewards	under 10 seconds
Engagement Rate Completion Rate	rewards ✓ Near 100% & measurable	wnder 10 seconds X Averages just 24% X Feel tricked and anxious



CyberHoot

Other Vendors

FEATURES		
Interactivity	✓ Fully gamified	X Static, limited
Analytics	✓ Individual user reports	X Limited
Customization	✓ Tailored + White-Label	X Limited
Video Training	✓ 1,000+ videos on security topics	× Available
Automation	✓ Full - training, emails, reminders, reports	Partial
Setup Complexity	✓ Simple, deployed in minutes	Moderate to high complexity
Integration	✓ Effortless with Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace	Varies by vendor
Dark Web Monitoring	V Yes	X Not typically
MSP Multi-Tenancy	V Yes	Partial and difficult



THE WISE CHOICE

Swap outdated attack phishing simulations for:





Positive reinforcement

that builds confidence, not anxiety



Automated training

that works without constant management



Interactive engagement

that employees actually enjoy



Proven results

that reduce real-world phishing success



TESTIMONIALS

What our customers say...

Exceptional Value: "Using CyberHoot was one of the best decisions we made regarding SAT. Fully automated, training is interesting, and staff participation is high compared to other vendors."



Michael Gibby, SEQ IT Services, Founder & Managing Director

Exceptional Results: "After 9 months of CyberHoot awareness training, a Financial Management firm with \$4 Billion in assets was phish tested by the Fellsway Group. They had zero (0%) employees click on the phishing test. In contrast, the exact same phishing attack had a 30% click rate at another client that had not yet done CyberHoot training. The product really proves its worth!"



John Mumford, Chief Risk Officer at the Fellsway Group (A Consulting Firm)

Exceptionally Easy: "CyberHoot is an excellent cybersecurity training platform that educates teams on security practices through training content, phishing simulations, and actionable analytics."



Tim Ward, Goodwill of Chattanooga, Director, Information Technology



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Stop tricking employees. Start training them.

Join the leading organizations choosing positive reinforcement over punishment for security awareness training.

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