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Cybersecurity in the Public Sector: Threats, Hygiene, and State Resources

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Public sector organizations face a rapidly evolving threat landscape - and limited resources to meet it. This session cuts through the noise to give attendees what they actually need: a clear-eyed look at the attacks targeting government agencies and municipalities today, actionable steps to reduce risk without breaking the budget, and a map of the state-supported tools and programs available to help. We'll examine the most pressing threats facing public sector entities - from ransomware and phishing campaigns to supply chain vulnerabilities and insider risk - and discuss why local governments, school districts, and public agencies have become high-value targets. From there, we'll move into practical cyber hygiene strategies your team can implement now, including patch management, access controls, multi-factor authentication, and incident response planning. Finally, we'll walk through the state-level resources, no-cost training programs, and federal guidance available to public sector organizations - so you leave knowing exactly where to turn for support. Whether you're a IT director, department head, or elected official, this session will give you a sharper understanding of your organization's risk - and concrete next steps to address it.

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