MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND NEW GROWTH INDUSTRIES

BELIZE CRIME OBSERVATORY

CYBERCRIME STATISTICS: January to October 2024

FROM JANUARY TO OCTOBER 2024,

44

CYBERCRIMES WERE REPORTED

31

COURT ACTION REQUESTED

Court action was requested for **70%** of the cybercrime reports.



61% (27) of the cybercrimes were for cyberbullying.



5% (2) were for cyber fraud.



25% (11) were for obscenity in cyberspace .



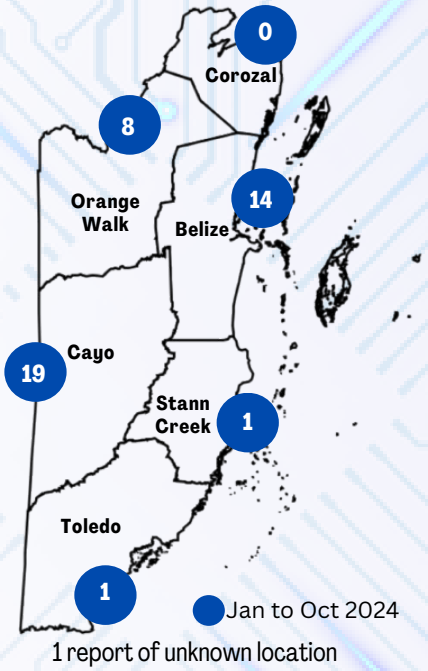
2% (1) were for luring a child via the internet.



5% (2) were for illegally accessing a computer.



2% accounted for other crimes/offences.



1 report of unknown location

43% of the reports were in the Cayo District.

How to stay safe from cybercrimes?

- Use strong passwords. Use a random string of mixed-case letters, numbers and symbols.
- Manage your social media settings. Keep your social media private.
- Be cautious about links and attachments. Your trust is their weapon.
- Educate Yourself about cyber crimes. Stay up-to-date, stay secure.
- Talk to your children about the internet. Responsibility starts with you.
- Be cautious about what you and your family share online. Remember that what you put online will stay online FOREVER!
- Always use a secure Wifi. Safety first is safety always.

What can you do?

If you see anything suspicious or have been the victim of a cybercrime, please report it to the police by calling 911 or to our local Crimestoppers by calling 922.

Data Source: Belize Police Department (BPD) through the Police Information Technology Cyber Unit (PITCU)

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