

Quarter of Morris County businesses still using “dangerous” Windows 7

Parsippany-Troy Hills, Sep 1, 2020 (Issuewire.com) - New data has revealed an estimated quarter of businesses in Morris County are still using an out of date computer operating system – which is now a major target for hackers.

Windows 7 reached the end of its life in January this year and was discontinued by Microsoft.

But recent data from research company Net Applications reveals that Windows 7 is still being used on 23.4% of all PCs.

“Any Morris County business that’s using Windows 7 on even a single machine is taking an extraordinary risk,” said local data security expert Jon Bova, of Bova Tech Solutions. “It’s now very clear that hackers are actively targeting people still using Windows 7.

“The FBI has published a warning notice highlighting the dangers. They say hackers are using previously undiscovered security flaws, safe in the knowledge they won’t be stopped.”

Since January, Windows 7 has been officially dead.

That means there are no security patches, software updates or technical assistance from Microsoft.

Any Morris County business still using Windows 7 is advised to upgrade to Windows 10 immediately.

Jon added: “With all the difficulty doing business in the last few months, local businesses don’t need a data security crisis on top.

“This is one of those small things that need to be addressed before it causes a big problem.”

Bova Tech Solutions is an IT Consulting Firm that was formed in 2018 and now looks after the IT needs for hundreds of local businesses in the Morris County and the surrounding areas.

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