

# **A Study on the Increasing Incidence of Cyber Crimes and their Prevention**

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**Abstract:** *The rapid growth of information and communication technology has made computers and the internet an integral part of modern life. Alongside these advancements, cyber-crime has emerged as a major challenge in the digital age, affecting individuals, organizations, and governments. Cyber-crime includes offences such as hacking, phishing, ransomware attacks, cyber stalking, identity theft, and online financial frauds, which have increased due to widespread internet usage, technological advancements, and lack of cybersecurity awareness. This study examines the nature, forms, and causes of cyber-crime, highlighting its social and economic impact. It also discusses preventive measures and technological safeguards to combat cyber threats. The study emphasizes that enhancing digital awareness and adopting secure online practices are essential for protecting personal data and reducing cyber risks in today's interconnected world.*

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