

Mission CRITICAL

Beware of Scammers!

According to [Atlas VPN research](#), cumulatively, scammers created over 35,500 unique websites related to COVID-19 in March. They tried to swindle money via phishing scams or selling masks, hand-sanitizers, and even virus testing kits.

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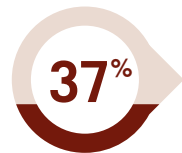
- To this day, scammers already created over **35,500 websites**, selling hand sanitizer, face masks, and other coronavirus-related items.
- There has been a **1,900% increase** in coronavirus-related website scams from February to March.
- Amazon blocked or removed **over 1 million** coronavirus-related products.
- During March, Interpol announced blocking 18 bank accounts and freezing over **\$730,000** in fraudulent transactions.
- Coronavirus outbreak is transforming people's shopping habits, making them choose online shopping options more frequently.

Additionally, a survey conducted among business and risk consultants reveals that cybercrime, data breaches, and IT failures are the most common threats to enterprises in the U.S. this year.

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of business and risk professionals predict U.S. companies will get involved in a cyber accident by the end of 2020.



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Companies worldwide are aware of cybersecurity-related risks, and are planning on investing in protection this year.



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