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Mitigating calendar-invite phishing risk for healthcare security teams

39% of healthcare IT and security leaders rely mainly on built-in platform security. Calendar-invite lures can stay on calendars after the email is deleted.

What we found

Security teams already own both fixes: limiting outside invites and clearing the event at cleanup.

KnowBe4 reported on October 23 that phishing kits now send lures as calendar invites, and many email clients add the event on their own.

What it means for security teams

External invites add themselves

Many email clients add external invites automatically, so the first move is limiting that for outside senders.

Email cleanup misses the calendar

Purges need to remove the calendar event too, since it can outlast the deleted phishing email.

Simulations can test the lure

84% of IT and security leaders run phishing simulations quarterly or more (March 2026), room for this lure.

WHY PAUBOX

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in 10 of 21 G2 Cloud Email Security reports for Fall 2026.

Inbound Email Security catches phishing

Generative AI detects phishing, spoofing, and BEC in inbound email.

Lookalike senders stopped automatically

Blocks attacks from lookalike domains and compromised accounts that impersonate colleagues.

HITRUST certified

Independently certified against the HITRUST framework.

Paubox survey of 170 healthcare IT and security leaders, March 2026 | KnowBe4, "Warning: Attackers Are Using Calendar Invite Files to Evade Security Filters" (October 23, 2026)