



Gone phishing

Description

Phishing is the top attack method for social engineers – it's how they steal data, defraud people of money, and spread malicious software. Always think before you click!

Do you know how to spot a phishing attack? Here are five easy questions to ask yourself to avoid being caught on a cybercriminal's hook.

1. Does it push a sense of urgency?
2. Does it feature threatening language?
3. Does it offer unrealistic promises?
4. Does it contain suspicious links or attachments?
5. Does it come from a sender you don't know or didn't expect?

If the answer is yes to one, some, or even all these questions, there's a high likelihood you're being phished.



Spot a phishing scam

Links: On a computer, you can identify a malicious link by hovering your mouse over it to reveal the full URL. If it looks odd or suspicious, or you're not sure, don't click!

Attachments: Never open an attachment unless you are certain it is from a trustworthy source.

Email addresses and URLs: Keep in mind it's easy to steal real company logos or create email addresses that appear to come from a legitimate source. Always thoroughly inspect the "from" address for any changes (e.g. Amazom.com where Amazon is spelled incorrectly).

Phishing is a dangerous attack that combines manipulation and deception. Remember to slow down and stay alert to avoid being scammed.

[At work, report phishing attacks immediately and always follow our data and cybersecurity policies. Report Phishing by clicking the Phish Alert Button.](#)

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