



# Cybersecurity Awareness Month

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## *Recognize and Report Phishing*

### What is Phishing?

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Phishing is the attempt to trick a person into clicking on a malicious link or attachment, generally through email. Phishing is extremely common, in fact, most of us have received phishing emails in the past. Emails from malicious actors are getting harder and harder to detect, but with a little knowledge you can keep yourself safe online.

### How to spot a Phishing attempt.

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- ✓ **1. Suspicious email address**
  - ✓ a. The email address should match the company that is sending the email.
  - ✓ b. If the email does not match the company, then it may be a phishing attempt.
- ✓ **2. Suspicious wording or language**
  - ✓ a. Look for excessive typos or poor grammar.
  - ✓ b. Look for poor sentence structure or incoherent wording.
  - ✓ c. Does the layout of the email look professional and from a reputable company? If not, then the email may be a phishing attempt.
- ✓ **3. Spoofed Hyperlinks**
  - ✓ a. If you use your cursor to hover over a link your computer will reveal the address that the link will take you.
  - ✓ b. The web address should match the link description. If there is a difference, then it may be a phishing attempt.
- ✓ **4. Generic Greetings**
  - ✓ a. An email from a reputable company should address you by name.