# Learn to identify a phishing email

#### SENDER

Is the email unexpected or from an unknown sender? Does the display name

match the email address?

#### **BODY/CONTENT**

Am I being asked to submit or verify confidential information? (e.g. passwords, account, or credit card information)

Am I being asked to click a link or open an attachment to avoid negative consequences? Is there a sense of urgency to the message?

Does the email have spelling errors or bad grammar?

### SIGNATURE

Does the sender match the signature and use proper titles and department names? From: QUEEN'S <phish@example.ca> Subject: Verify your account. To: undisclosed recipients: ; Fri 8/9/2018 5:48 PM



Dear QUEEN'SU UNIVERSITY Webmail user,

We are currently verifying our subscribers email accounts inorder to increase the Efficiency of our webmail features. To partake in this Recent Upgrade Taking Place at QUEEN'SU Webmail, You must CLICK HERE to reply to this email by Confirming your account.

If you have already replied with your password or gotten such mail, change your password immediately, using the ITServices password change at: http://www.014282jotqueensyou.com/phishy

Failure to do this will immediately render your Web-email address deactivated from our database.

Thanks for using QUEEN'SU webmail service.

Thank you IT-Help-Desk



DATE AND TIME

Is the timing of the email suspicious? (e.g. after business hours, on weekends)

### SALUTATION

Is there a generic, inappropriate, inaccurate salutation? (e.g. Dear Customer)

### · LINK

Does the URL start with a number, contain mispellings, or have an odd ending?

### LOGO

Brands and logos can be easily copied.

## What do I do if I get a phishing email? DO NOT: REPORT

- Respond to the email.
- **Click** any links.
- **Open** any attachments.
- Provide sensitive info.



the email using the "Report Message" button in Outlook to advise IT Services and Microsoft of the phishing attack.

**Note:** if you are on a mobile device, you can report the email by forwarding it to abuse@queensu.ca

## What do I do if I've put myself at risk?



## SCAN

your system for viruses and apply outstanding system updates. Report results to the IT Support Centre by calling (613) 533-6666.

## REMEMBER

Support Centres, legitimate businesses, and financial institutions will never ask you for personal or confidential account credentials via email.



## CHANGE

your NetID password securely and modify your security questions and answers by visiting netid.queensu.ca



## Need help? IT Services has you covered!

queensu.ca/its



(613) 533-6666 Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm



Online Help Form queensu.ca/its/helpform



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