

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS DAY 3

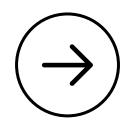
Let's talk about Phising





Phishing:

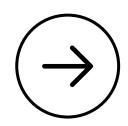
The scam that looked real even the CEO of Instagram almost fell for it.





What is Phishing

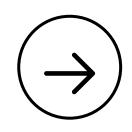
It is a trick where criminals pretend to be someone you trust (your bank, boss, delivery service) so you'll share sensitive information or click a bad link which can cause a great havoc to an individual or organization.



Why It Works

Phishing works because it plays on emotions:

- Fear Suspicious activity detected.
- Curiosity See attached report.
- Trust From your boss or IT admin.



The Story







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Experienced a sophisticated phishing attack yesterday. Someone with perfect English called from 818-538-7922. They said my Google account was compromised and they aent me an email to confirm my identity. On the phone they asked me to change my password using my Gmail app and to *not* say my new password out loud.

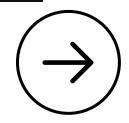
What was impressive was their email came from forms-receipts-noreply@google.com and linked to sites.google.com/view..., which of course asked me to sign in...





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The email and the form both coming from secure Google domains (via Google products) might have got me if I hadn't heard from a friend who experienced a similar attack a year ago. Anybody know someone at Google that might want this context?

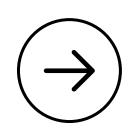




Adam Mosseri the Instagram CEO was the one that shared this on thread in May the scary part is that

- The email came from a legitimate Google Domain.
- The tone was urgent
- He mentioned it would have got him if not that someone had this similar experience over a year ago shared with him.

If a global tech leader almost fell for it, what about the rest of us?

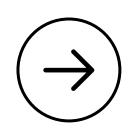


Phishing doesn't care how smart you are.

It almost got the CEO of Instagram and it might get you tomorrow. In 2025, phishing looks so real It's not always start with **Dear User** anymore. Attackers now use your real name, job title, even company details.

Here's what to check: gusta Chioma

- Domain tricks support@g00gle.com ≠ support@google.com
- Redirects Hover ≠ safe; always type the address or use the official app
- Over-personalization Just because it has your name doesn't make it real pause and read it again.
- Pressure tactics Urgent 24hour deadlines are classic red flags

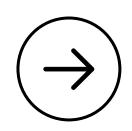


Your Defense Plan

- ✓ Verify emails with a quick call or separate message
- ✓ Don't click links go directly to the app or official website
- ▼ Turn on MFA even if your password leaks, attackers are blocked

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- Use a password manager (it won't autofill on fake sites)
- Report phishing attempts to IT or email providers





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