

Recognizing Red Flags

What Are “Red Flags”?

- Red flags are **warning signs** that a message might be fake.
- Attackers add small hints that don’t look normal.
- Learning these signs helps stop the attack early.
- Always pause before clicking anything.

Red Flag #1: Suspicious Sender

- Email address looks almost correct but slightly different.
- Unknown sender claiming to be someone important.
- Free email domains used for official messages.
- No profile picture or unclear name.

Red Flag #2: Unexpected Urgency

- Attackers push you to act *fast*.
- Words like “urgent”, “immediately”, “account locked”.
- Pressure causes mistakes.
- Real organizations rarely rush you like this.

Red Flag #3: Strange Links & Attachments

- Links don't match the real website.
- Attachments you weren't expecting.
- Files pretending to be salary slips, invoices, reports.
- Hovering over links shows the real suspicious URL.

Red Flag #4: Poor Language & Formatting

- Spelling or grammar mistakes.
- Logo looks stretched or low quality.
- Odd greetings like “Dear User” or “Hello Customer”.
- Professional companies rarely send messy emails.

Complete Red Flag Scenario — Spot the Phishing Signs

