

REPORTING PROCESS & WHO TO CONTACT

Importance of Reporting Phishing

- Early reporting prevents large-scale compromise.
- Helps security teams block malicious senders and links.
- Protects other employees from falling victim.
- Improves incident response readiness.

When You Should Report



When you receive
suspicious emails or
messages.



When a link or
attachment looks
unusual or unexpected.



When someone asks for
credentials or sensitive
info.



Immediately after
accidental clicks or data
disclosure.

Internal Reporting Channels

- Dedicated security or IT helpdesk.
- Official incident reporting portal or ticketing system.
- Phishing reporting email (e.g., security@company).
- “Report Phishing” button integrated into email platforms.

What to Include in a Report

- Full email or message screenshot.
- Sender details and suspicious link(s).
- Context of how you received it.
- Whether you clicked anything or responded.

Why Timing Matters

- Phishing threats spread fast and target multiple users.
- Early alerts help isolate malicious domains or servers.
- Reduces attacker dwell time.
- Prevents credential misuse by attackers.

Incident Response Team Responsibilities

- Validate and analyze the reported threat.
- Block malicious domains, IPs, and sender addresses.
- Reset compromised accounts immediately.
- Notify affected users and guide recovery actions.

Arham Notices Something Strange

- Arham receives an email:

"Your bank account is locked.
Click here to unlock."

- The sender's address looks odd.

- Instead of clicking, Arham reports it to the security team

➤ The team confirms it was a phishing attack



Escalation Path



Frontline helpdesk → Security team → Incident response team → Management (if required).



Critical incidents may involve legal teams or external cybersecurity partners.



Escalation depends on the severity of impact.



All steps follow standard operating procedures.