

# Phishing Awareness

Don't let curiosity sink your security!

Detection & Awareness

Protection & Prevention

Education & Response



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### What is Phishing?

#### **Digital Scam**

Cybercriminals try to steal sensitive information by impersonating trusted organizations or individuals.

#### **Massive Scale**

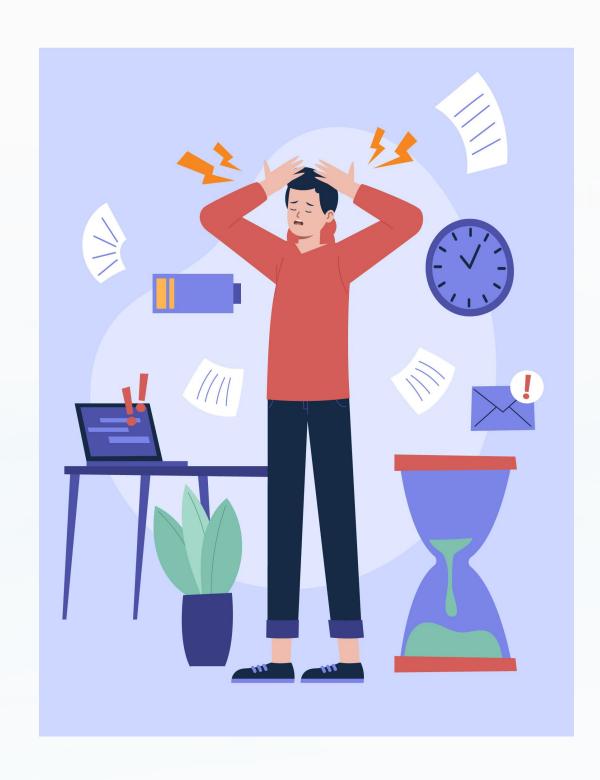
Over 300,000 phishing attacks happen daily worldwide.

#### **Mimicked Trust**

Attackers impersonate familiar brands to trick victims into sharing information.

#### **Primary Targets**

Passwords, financial details, and personal identity information are at risk.



## The Real Cost of Phishing

\$4.45M

83%

**Average Breach Cost** 

Per data breach in 2023

**Organizations Affected** 

Experienced phishing attacks in 2023

\$8,000

**Individual Loss** 

Average financial impact per victim

In addition to financial losses, organizations also experience severe damage to their reputation, which can take years to restore.

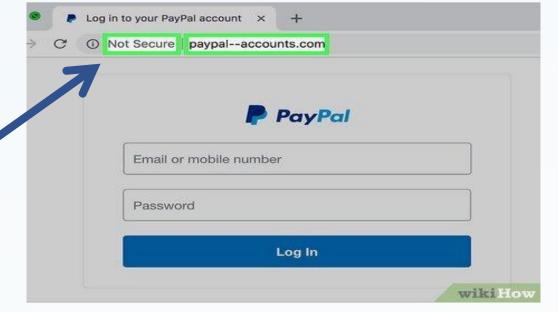
## **Common Types of Phishing**





#### Alert!

Unsecure page
Not the official
PayPal website
Do not enter
your credentials

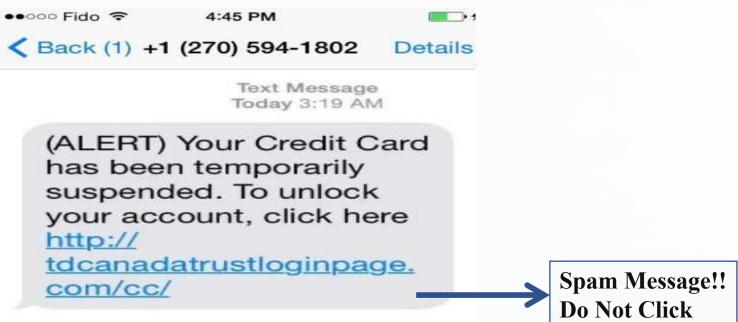




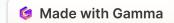
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## **How Phishing Works**



#### **Deceptive Messages**

Criminals craft emails that mimic legitimate organizations.



Messages create false emergencies requiring immediate action.



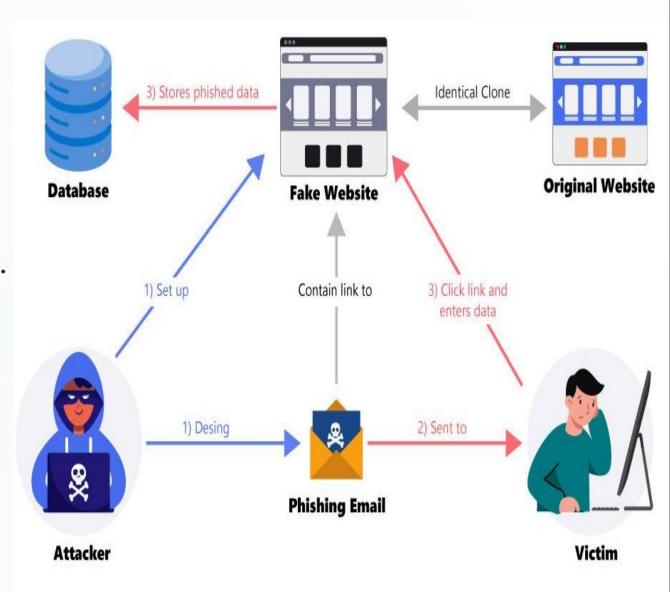
#### **Malicious Attachments**

Files contain hidden malware that installs when opened.



#### **Disguised Links**

URLs appear legitimate but direct to fraudulent websites.



## Red Flags to Recognize



#### **Suspicious Sender**

Email addresses with slight misspellings or unusual domains.



#### **Poor Grammar**

Spelling errors and awkward phrasing indicate fraudulent messages.



#### **Urgent Requests**

Messages demanding immediate action to create panic.



#### **Too Good To Be True**

Unrealistic offers or unexpected winnings signal scams.

#### PHISHING SCAMS: HOW TO STAY PROTECTED



According to a recent report by Ironscales, phishing scams are the root cause of 95% of all successful cyberattacks worldwide.

#### **TOP 5 RED FLAGS**

Web links lead to unfamiliar sites (hover over them to check!).





There's an attachment you weren't expecting.

ou notice poor spelling and grammar throughout (this is on purpose!).





It asks for personal information like passwords or bank information.

The sender doesn't address you by name.



# HOW TO STAY PROTECTED





Don't click any links or attachments you can't verify with total certainty.





Call to verify requests (even if seems to come from someone somewhere you know!)





When in doubt, contact the SupportCenter for help!

### **Verification Techniques**

#### **Inspect Links**

Hover over links to see the actual URL before clicking. Ensure it matches the expected destination.

#### **Examine Sender Details**

Check the full email address, not just the display name. Look for subtle misspellings.

#### Verify Independently

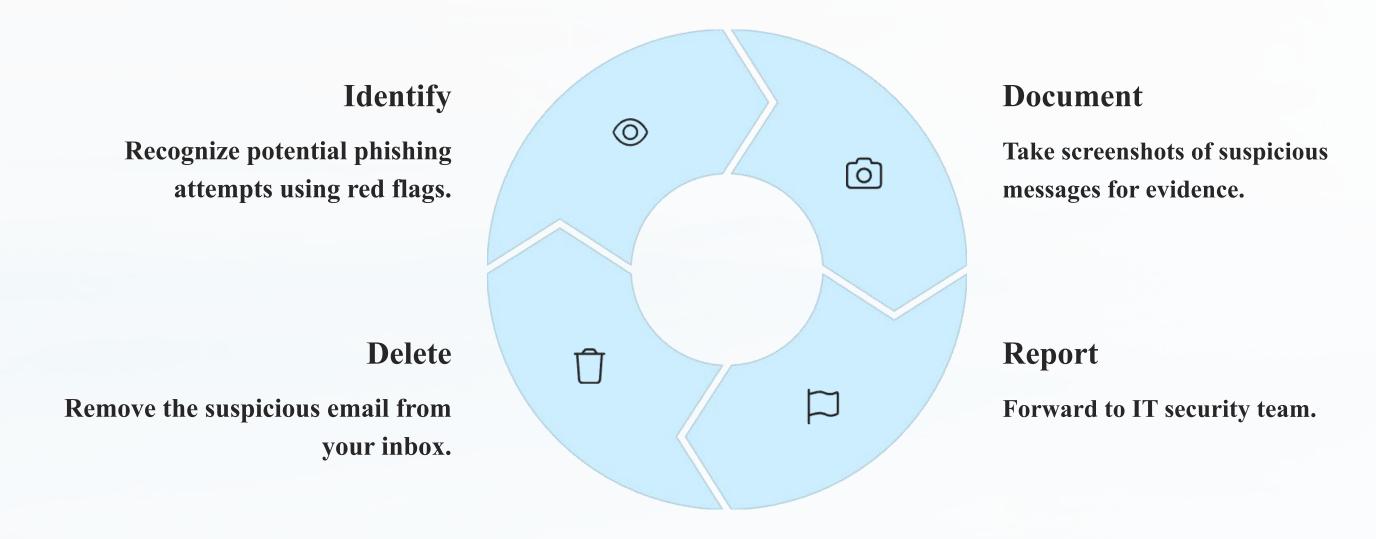
Contact organizations through official phone numbers or websites you manually navigate to.

#### **Enable Protection**

Use multi-factor authentication on all accounts to add an extra security layer.

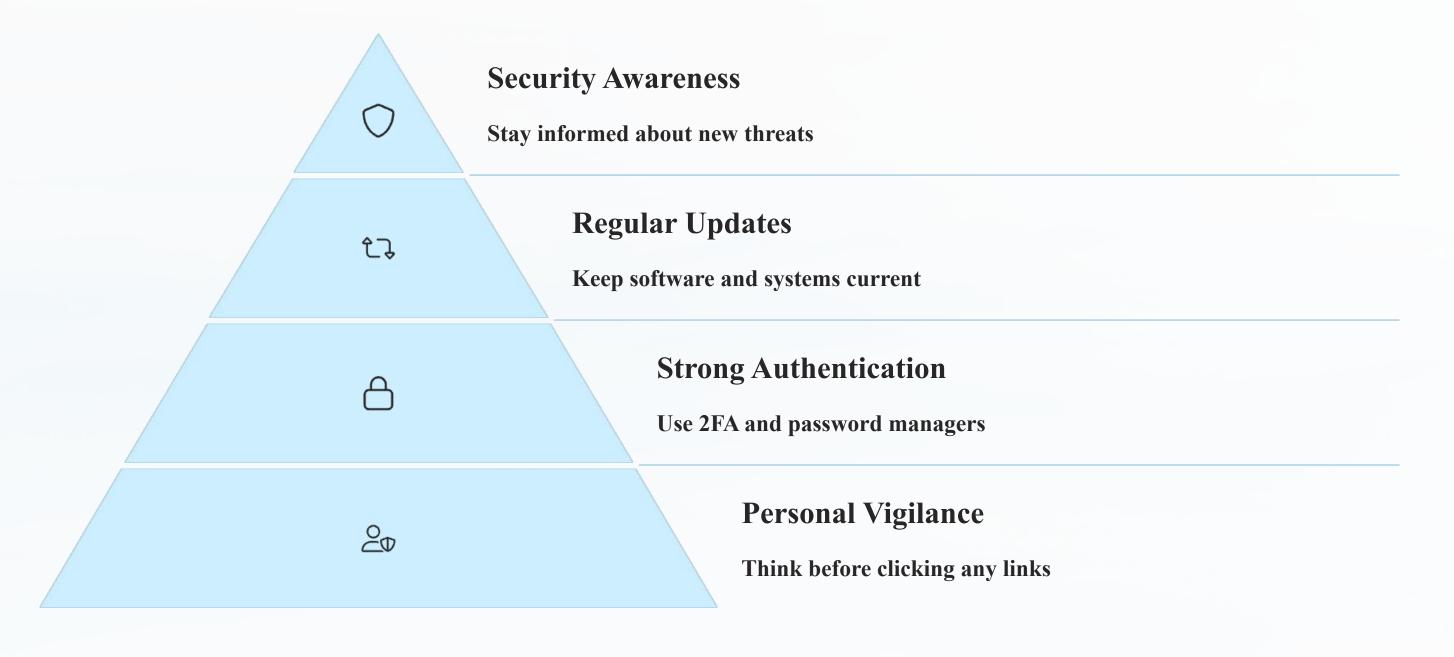


# Reporting Suspicious Activity



Quick reporting can prevent attacks from spreading to colleagues. Your vigilance protects everyone.

## **Protecting Your Digital Self**



# Stay Vigilant, Stay Safe



Every employee plays a critical role in organizational security.



A single click can compromise entire networks. Think before you act.



# **Trust Your Instincts**

If something feels suspicious, it probably is. Follow your gut feeling.



#### **Ask For Help**

When uncertain, contact IT security for guidance before proceeding.



# THANK YOU

