

Example Phishing Email

From: support@paypalsecurity.com

Subject: Urgent: Your PayPal Account Has Been Suspended

Dear Customer,

We have detected unusual activity in your PayPal account and for your protection, we have temporarily suspended access.

To restore access, please confirm your identity by clicking the link below:

 [Verify Your Account Now](#)

If you do not verify your account within 24 hours, it will be permanently disabled.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PayPal Security Team

How This Is a Phishing Email

1. Fake Sender Address:

The email is from **support@paypalsecurity.com**, which is not an official PayPal domain (PayPal uses **@paypal.com**).

2. Urgency and Threats:

It pressures the user by saying the account will be **permanently disabled in 24 hours**, which is a classic tactic to create panic.

3. Suspicious Link:

The link <http://fake-paypal-login.com> is made to look like a real PayPal site, but it's a **malicious website** designed to steal login credentials.

4. Generic Greeting:

It uses "Dear Customer" instead of addressing the user by name. Legitimate services usually personalize emails.

5. Grammar and Tone:

While relatively clean, phishing emails often have **subtle grammatical issues or unnatural phrasing**.

6. No Secure Connection Indication:

A real PayPal link would be **https://** with PayPal's verified domain and often a security certificate lock icon.