

Word	Definition
Phishing	Phishing is a technique for attempting to acquire personal identifiable information, such as financial information and Social Security Numbers, through fraudulent text messages, emails, or websites. Perpetrators often achieve this by deceiving the victim to be legitimate businesses or individuals.
Wi-phishing Wi-Fi phishing	Wi-phishing or Wi-Fi phishing is a type of phishing that uses fraudulent Wi-Fi to access a victim's digital devices and steal personal identifiable information. Victims can be hacked unwittingly by connecting to fraudulent Wi-Fi.
Smishing	Smishing refers to phishing techniques scammers attempt to trick the target by sending text messages with malicious online links.
Shoulder surfing	Shoulder surfing does not involve emails or text messages as phishing. Instead, it involves people overhearing or overseeing others giving out personal information in public. For instance, spying

	on ATMs, computers, or other electronic devices to acquire personal identifiable information counts as shoulder surfing.
Vishing	Vishing is a type of phishing done over the phone. Usually, scammers call a person with a recorded message and pretend to be trusted individuals. Victims of vishing often follow scammer's requests to share personal identifiable information.
Spoofing	Spoofing is a scamming method used to convince the victim that scammers are trusted sources. This cyberattack can take multiple forms, like spoofed IP addresses, emails, calls, and texts. Frequently, only one letter or symbol differs from the spoofed version, making it easier for people to trust the source if they are not looking carefully.
Personal identifiable information	Personal Identifiable Information (PII) is information uniquely associated with you, which can be directly or indirectly used to identify you.

Social Security Number	In the United States, a Social Security Number (SSN) is a unique, 9-digit code assigned to you for identification purposes.
Patient identification number	Healthcare organizations manage patient personal information via unique, 6-digit code called patient identification numbers .
Taxpayer Identification Number	Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) is a 9-digit unique code the Social Security Office assigns to you to track taxpayers, file tax returns, and claim other benefits. You may not have a TIN if you have a Social Security Number.
Employer Identification Number	The Employer Identification Number is a unique, 9-digit number assigned to employers by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in order to track their tax records and file business tax returns.
Identity theft	Identity theft is the practice of scammers acquiring the victim's personal identifiable information without permission to commit fraudulent activities or crimes.

Financial identity theft	Financial identity theft occurs specifically when personal financial information such as bank account numbers, credit card numbers, and Social Security Numbers are stolen by scammers for monetary gain.
Tax-related identity theft	Tax-related identity theft refers to stealing personal identifiable information to acquire a victim's tax refund. Sometimes tax-related identity theft includes information acquirement to receive employment.
Medical identity theft	Medical identity theft is when someone steals and uses a person's personal identifiable information, such as their Social Security Number, health insurance account number, or Medicare number, to receive medical care or prescription or submit claims to Medicare or other health insurers without their permission. This could hurt the victim's own ability to receive needed medical care while also affecting their credit.

Browser	Browser refers to any software program used to connect to the internet.
Fraudulent	When something is fraudulent , it is done to deceive someone or trick someone in an illegal manner.
URL	A URL is an acronym for a uniform resource locator, an identifier that directs a user to a website or a document on the internet.
Malware	Malware is a short term for malicious software. Malware is a program designed to harm a computer network to steal information.
Robocall	A robocall is an automated phone call with a recorded message. Often, scammers use robocalls to sell you something illegal or steal your personal identifiable information.
Publicly available information	There is personal identifiable information that can be searched on public and government databases. Information such as driver's licenses, real estate and other business transactions, vehicle records, certain types of professional certifications, and licensing records are

often found in public. Newspaper classifieds and other private databases also provide a wealth of information.