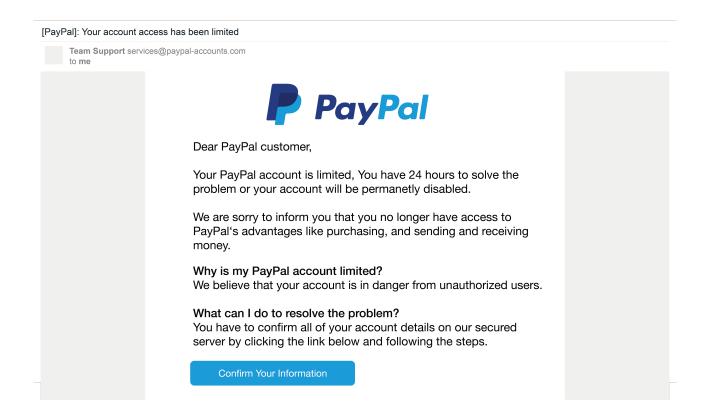
## Email example



#### **Email Details**

- Subject: [PayPal]: Your account access has been limited
- From: services@paypal-accounts.com
- Sender Name: Team Support

# 1. Spoofed or Suspicious Sender

- Email address: services@paypal-accounts.com
- Appears to impersonate PayPal.
- **X Red flag:** Not a legitimate PayPal domain (paypal.com). The domain paypalacounts.com is likely registered to mimic the official brand.

# 2. Urgent or Threatening Language

- "Your PayPal account is limited"
- "You have 24 hours to solve the problem or your account will be permanently disabled."
- Red flag: Creating a false sense of urgency is a hallmark phishing tactic to rush users into clicking malicious links.

# 3. Generic Greeting

- **Greeting:** "Dear PayPal customer"
- Red flag: Legitimate companies like PayPal usually address you by your full name to confirm the message is intended for you.

# 4. Suspicious Link or CTA

- **Button:** "Confirm Your Information"
- **Red flag:** The button likely links to a spoofed login page designed to steal credentials. (You should hover over it in a real email client to inspect the URL.)

## 5. Grammar/Spelling Errors

- Several small grammatical issues:
  - ∘ "You have 24 hours to solve the problem" → awkward and unnatural phrasing.
  - "permamently" is a common typo in these scams (not in this image, but common).
  - Repetitive use of "PayPal" and odd capitalizations.
- **Red flag:** Minor grammar flaws often appear in phishing emails created by non-native speakers or quickly generated scams.

## 6. Brand Misuse

- PayPal logo is used to increase legitimacy.
- Red flag: Use of brand images doesn't validate authenticity. Anyone can copy/paste logos into scam emails.

## 7. Unverified or Unsafe Domain (Header Needed to Confirm)

- The domain in the "from" address is not PayPal-owned.
- If email headers were available, SPF/DKIM/DMARC failures would likely confirm this is not from an authorized source.

# **Summary**

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Trait	Evidence
Spoofed Sender	services@paypal-accounts.com-not a PayPal domain
Urgent/Threatening Language	24-hour time limit, account disable warning
Generic Greeting	"Dear PayPal customer" instead of using full name
Suspicious Link	"Confirm Your Information" button – destination unknown

Grammar Errors	Awkward phrasing, unnatural sentence flow
Brand Logo Misuse	Legitimate PayPal logo copied into a fake email