

6 Tips to Prevent Phishing Attacks

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- Be Skeptical
- **4** Don't click the link

- Be aware of your online presence
- **Be smart with your passwords**

- 3 Inspect the links
- 6

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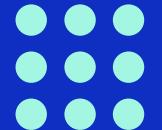




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of phishing messages get opened by targeted users

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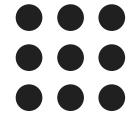




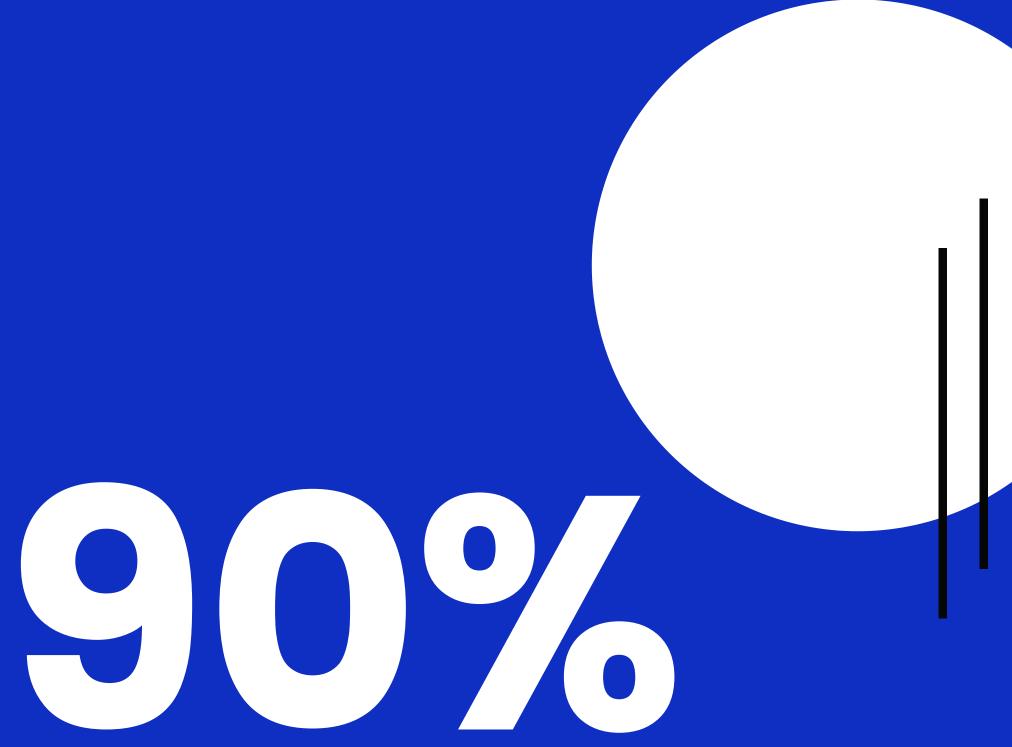


Around 1.5 Million new phishing sites are created each month.

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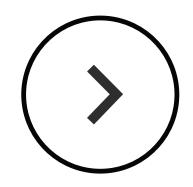




PHISHING ACCOUNTS FOR 90% OF DATA BREACHES



What is the single biggest mistake a company can do that makes them vulnerable to phishing attacks?









- When the company does not invest in the right tools and they do not provide proper training to their people about their role in information security.
- Browsing the internet carelessly.
- Not having proper policies that outline how to react to suspicious emails.
- When organizations are run in an authoritarian style where employees are trained to simply follow instructions, which leads them to easily giving up information.



- The same can be said for organizations that have a culture where asking for help is frowned upon.
- Not using a multi-layered approach to detect, analyze, and stop phishing attacks.
- Spear phishing is becoming more and more popular to target specific employees, so there is a bigger need to train employees about protecting their data.











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CONCLUSION

The IT department can set up several layers of defense against such attacks, but each employee needs to participate in ensuring that all data is protected.

Do not open suspicious emails, avoid browsing malicious websites, and never open an attachment from an email that you do not know the sender. These are just a few simple best practices that can be adopted by each employee in order to deter phishing attacks.

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