Phishing Email Sample – Fake PayPal Notification

From: PayPal Support Team <security@paypa1-alerts.com>

Subject: Urgent: Account Access Suspended – Immediate Verification Needed

Hello Customer,

We have detected unauthorized activity on your PayPal account. As a precautionary measure, we have temporarily restricted access to your account.

To restore full access, please verify your account immediately by clicking the link below:

https://paypal-verification-support.com/login

Failure to verify within 24 hours will result in permanent suspension of your account.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,
PayPal Security Operations

Attachment: verify_paypal_access.pdf

Suspicious Indicators Report

No.	Indicator Type	Description
1	Spoofed Domain Name	The email is from @paypa1-alerts.com — the "1" replaces the letter "l", a common phishing trick.
2	Threatening Urgency	"Failure to verify within 24 hours" — creates panic to rush users into clicking.
3	Suspicious URL	paypal-verification-support.com — not a legitimate PayPal domain.
4	Attachment	verify_paypal_access.pdf — could contain malware or a fake login form.
5	Generic Greeting	Uses "Hello Customer" instead of your actual name.
6	Grammar/Style Issues	Awkward phrasing such as "We apologize for any inconvenience" without context.
7	Fake Branding	Email mimics PayPal format but lacks official design, logos, and secure footer.