



SPOTTING SUSPICIOUS EMAIL:

PHISHING & SPAM

RECOGNIZING SUSPICIOUS EMAIL IS EASY
IF YOU KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR!



65% OF EMAILS SENT ARE SPAM *

TWO TYPES OF SUSPICIOUS EMAIL

— PHISHING —

Phishing occurs when emails solicit you to enter personal information by posing as a trustworthy source

The goal of a phishing attempt is to trick you into providing sensitive information, such as log in credentials, so that the cyber intruder can access your data and potentially the corporate system

Phishing scams are a dangerous threat and should be immediately reported by emailing:

reportphishing@apwg.org

— SPAM —

Spam is unsolicited electronic messages sent to a large number of recipients or posted in a large number of places. Most often these appear as email, but can also appear as text messages, or Internet postings

Spam is annoying, and it can be dangerous! Spam can contain malware, viruses, and dangerous links

VERSUS

DO NOT



CLICK LINKS

OPEN SPAM

CLICK THE UNSUBSCRIBE BUTTON

If you think a message is spam, send it to your junk mail and block the sender

— SIGNS OF A SUSPICIOUS EMAIL —

1 URGENCY

To: employee@workplace.com

2 SPELLING & GRAMMAR ERRORS

Subject: URGENT!!!! Respond Now!!!

Greetings and Salutations,

Your password is about to expire. You will be locked out if you do not respond today!!!!

3 REQUEST FOR LOG IN CREDENTIALS

Please send your username and password to IT@yourwork.yw.net

Thank You,
Information Security

4 UNUSUAL SENDER / REPLY TO ADDRESS



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