MPOWERTECH

MASTER PHISHERMAN

BELOW ARE RED FLAGS TO WATCH FOR IF (AND WHEN) YOU RECEIVE A SUSPICIOUS EMAIL AS WELL AS HELPFUL MITIGATION TACTICS. BECOME A MASTER PHISHERMAN AND KEEP THIS QUICK CHECKLIST HANDY AT YOUR DESK. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN BAIT WILL HIT YOUR EMAIL INBOX.

1 Suspicuous Address

Look for addresses that are odd or unfamiliar. If unsure, try searching the domain through a search engine.

FRAUDULENT "FROM" EMAIL ADDRESS

2 Crazy Characters

Hackers and scammers use online translation machines that don't return perfect grammar or spelling, making misspellings and incorrect grammar signs of a scam.

MISSPELLINGS AND INCORRECT GRAMMAR

3 Phish are in the Links

Hover over each hyperlink, and check if the URL leads to the website you would expect based on the sender.

SUSPICIOUS HYPERLINKS

4 Unfamiliar Attachment

You should only open attachments once 100% sure the sender is legitimate. Please feel free to ask IT if you need clarification.

BE CAREFUL WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS

5 Be Skeptical of Urgency

Rewards or scare tactics are two common phishing approaches that demonstrate a sense of urgency to get you to click faster.

TIME-SENSITIVE CONTENT

6 Protect Private Info

Legitimate companies will never ask for sensitive or personal information over email.

YOUR DIGITAL DATA IS YOUR PERSONAL DATA

7 Use Strong Passwords

Passwords are the last line of defense between your PII and a nosy cybercriminal, whether opening your device or logging in to an account.

PRIVACY STARTS WITH YOUR DIGITAL ETIQUETTE

8 2 Factor Authentication

Using 2FA is a great way to add an exrea layer of protection from phishing (and other digital attacks).

ADD OTHER LAYERS OF PROTECTION

9 Common Sense

If it doesn't feel right, then it most likely isn't. The likelihood that a celebrity wants to contact you or that the FBI is investigating you is extremely low.

ALWAYS TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

10 Report the Suspicious

Reporting potential phishing attacks and opened suspicious emails enables security personnel to secure the network quickly.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

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