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# 7 TIPS TO AVOID EMAIL PHISHING SCAMS

Every day, more than 3 billion phishing emails are sent out worldwide. These emails are tactics used by scammers to trick you into giving up sensitive information. Here are seven tips to avoid email phishing scams.



**1. Verify the sender's email address.** Scammers may pretend to be your bank, a colleague or even a family member. Check any previous conversations with the sender or your address book to verify the email address.



**2. Look for spelling errors.** Various spelling or grammatical errors within an email can indicate fraudulent activity.



**3. Never give out sensitive information.** Most legitimate companies will avoid asking for personal information via email.



**4. Be wary of urgent messages.** People are more likely to give up sensitive information when pressured by a sense of urgency.



**5. Call to verify requests.** If you are skeptical of any requests made in an email, call the source directly to verify.



**6. Avoid opening unsolicited attachments.** Attachments can be embedded with malware - if opened, malware can steal sensitive information by gaining access to your computer or network.



**7. Verify hyperlinks.** Before opening a hyperlink, hover over the link text to verify the linked web address.