Don’t Get Hooked By Phishing Messages

Phishing emails use tricky tactics to steal your personal information. Know the signs of a phishing message, and the next time you get a suspicious email, ask yourself these three questions:

Does the message...

• Threaten a negative action (locking or closing your account, deleting your email, etc.) unless you immediately follow its instructions?

• Ask for personal information such as your NetID and password or bank account information?

• Include poor grammar and/or spelling?

If the answer to any of the above is “yes,” the message may be a phishing attempt. To protect yourself, do not respond, and delete it or contact your local technical support or the NUIT Support Center for help.

For more tips on identifying phishing messages, visit it.northwestern.edu/security/phishing/. You can also find examples of phishing messages at it.northwestern.edu/security/phishing/attempts.html.