Phishing
Don’t let it hook you
Don’t get hooked from Phishing

- There are scammers in the world who will try to trick users into believing that an email is legit and the links placed inside are real. It is their hope that you will believe that the resource is authentic.

- These links can send you to a Google Doc, which will be hosted on google.com. They will even show that they are on a secure site such as https://docs.google.com.

- However, ANYONE can create the Google Doc and then have you sent the form back to them, which isn’t secure at all.

- To read more on this topic: Article on Google Phishing
Here is an example of what a phishing scam in an email message might look like.

Hello!

As part of our improved security measures, we regularly screen activity in the Facebook system. We recently contacted you after noticing an issue on your account.

Our system has detected unusual Copyrights activity linked to your Facebook account, please follow the link below to fill out the Copywrite Law Form:

http://www.facebook.com/application_form

Note: If you don’t fill the application your account will be permanently blocked.

Regards,

Facebook Security Department.

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*Phishing – What does it look like?

• **Spelling and bad grammar.** Scammers/hackers/cyber criminals are not known for their grammar and spelling. Professional companies or organizations usually have a staff of copy editors that will not allow a mass email like this to go out to its users.

• **Beware of links in emails.** If you see a link in a suspicious email message, don’t click on it. Rest your mouse (but don’t click) on the link to see if the address matches the link that was typed in the message. In the example below the link reveals the real address, as shown in the box. The string of numbers looks nothing like the company’s web address.

  ![Example of a link](https://www.maine.edu)

  ![Revealing the real address](http://192.168.244.23/scam/index.htm)

• **Threats.** Have you ever received a threat that your Hotmail account would be closed if you didn’t respond to an email? Criminals will use threats that your security has been compromised.

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