Community Awareness Bulletin

Cyber Crime

The University of Toledo would like to caution students, faculty, and staff to beware of emails from unknown or anonymous persons promising to provide compensation to you for cashing checks or depositing money into your account. E-scams such as these often provide a false justification for the solicitation and tempt the reader with the proposition of easy money. If it sounds too good to be true, it very likely is.

"Phishing" emails are another common scam attempting to obtain your username, passwords, credit card information, or access to other confidential information.

Phishing emails can be equally dangerous to the unwary recipient. Delete these emails immediately.

Do not open any links or click on anything! Many of the scams originate overseas and can be very difficult to investigate. Cyber scam victims rarely recover lost money. The FBI has released the following informational bulletin on internet crime containing more information and a cyber-scam reporting website.

[NOTE: SCROLL DOWN TO REVIEW THE FBI INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN]
Are you a safe internet user? You may be at risk if you answer "yes" to any of the following questions:

- Do you visit websites by clicking on links within an email?
- Do you reply to emails from companies or persons you are not familiar with?
- Have you received packages to hold or ship to someone you met on the Internet?
- Have you been asked to cash checks and wire funds to an employer you met online?
- Would you cash checks or money orders received through an online transaction without first confirming their legitimacy?
- Would you provide your personal/banking information as a result of an email notification?

Don't be an internet crime victim!

For more information and to test your online practices visit: www.LooksTooGoodToBeTrue.com

To report an online crime visit: www.IC3.gov

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