

Secure Our World Animation: Easy Tips to Avoid Phishing Scams—Audio Description

“Follow these easy tips to avoid phishing scams.”

A fishhook on a fishing line comes down and pulls open a laptop. The laptop has an example of a phishing email on the screen.

“Phishing is an attempt to get you to open an email with a harmful attachment that could infect your device with malware. Phishing attempts can also be links to fake websites that are created to steal your personal information.”

The fishhook points to a suspicious looking link in the email.

“You can protect your data by recognizing, **reporting** and deleting phishing attempts. Here’s how.”

As the following bullet points are read, different areas of the email are highlighted – like the subject line reading “URGENT - Your Recent Order” for Urgent or emotionally appealing language.

“Look for these common signs of phishing:

- Urgent or emotionally appealing language
- Requests to send personal and financial information
- Incorrect email addresses or links”

The Report button at the top of the email is highlighted.

“If you suspect phishing, resist the attempt by reporting predatory accounts.”

The Delete button at the top of the email is highlighted.

“Finally, make sure you delete the phishy message.”

CISA’s Secure Our World logo flies on screen.

“Avoiding phishing is one way to Secure Our World. Share these tips and help a friend stay safer, too. For more, go to cisa.gov/SecureOurWorld.”