



DTI e-Security News — Phishing & Fraud Edition

PROVIDING HUMAN AWARENESS TO FIGHT AGAINST PHISHING AND FRAUD...



The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) defines phishing as “internet fraudsters impersonating a business to trick you into giving out your personal information.” Phishing is usually accomplished through e-mail or websites that look like the sites you already use. The goal is to throw out bait to lure you into clicking on unsafe links which then embed malicious code onto devices or trick you into revealing personal information that can be used for malicious purposes.

While many consider the risk an IT or security issue, your awareness plays a major role in deterring these types of attacks.

In June 2016, Kaspersky Lab reported a phishing attack that tricked Facebook users into infecting their devices after receiving a message from a friend claiming to have mentioned them on Facebook. Two things stood out in the attack: the delivery of the malware spread to 10k users in 48 hours and *response from consumers and the media was almost as fast. “Their reaction raised awareness of the campaign and drove prompt action and investigation by the providers concerned.”*

Check out the [FTC](#) for more Cyber Security Information.

Pokémon Go ALERT

Because of the popularity of this game, cyber criminals are taking advantage by creating malware apps that appear to be Pokémon Go, or variants of it. Also, because the game requires extensive permissions in order for you to play—including tracking where you are, personal safety may be an issue.



- Only download apps from trusted sites, not from clicking on a link.
- Apps that have lots of downloads and positive reviews are more likely to be genuine.
- When possible, limit the data a mobile app has access to and make sure the data is only used when you are using the app.
- Always be aware of your surroundings when playing.

[Wikipedia](#) has a great explanation of how the app works.

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DON'T BECOME A VICTIM

A good **ADAGE** to remember and follow...

- **A**rm yourself with knowledge
- **D**etect and report malicious attempts
- **A**void Phishing and Fraud
- **G**et rid of unsafe or unused applications
- **E**ngage in the use of security measures

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