

SECURITY EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

OPM Breach: Spear Phishing

You may be more vulnerable to phishing attempts in the aftermath of the recent OPM breach.

Spear phishing is an e-mail fraud attempt that targets a specific organization or person, seeking unauthorized access to information.

To avoid being a victim of phishing attempts, please remember the following:

- Keep in mind most companies, banks, and agencies will not request personal information from you in an e-mail or request it over the phone.
- Never click a link in an e-mail to go to a secure site—always enter the URL.
- Never open unexpected attachments from unknown sources.
- Use strong passwords.
- Make sure anti-virus software is updated.



A great video produced by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence shares detailed information regarding spear phishing. Click the link below to watch the video, and afterwards check out their YouTube page for other insightful videos regarding security.

Video: Know the Risk—Raise Your Shield: Spear Phishing

NOTE: If OPM wishes to contact you, they will do so via physical mail delivered through the United States Postal Service. Do not respond to requests for personal information or verify information if contacted via e-mail or telephone.

Do not hesitate to call your local Security professionals if you have any questions.