

Phishing Attacks on the Rise

Protecting your Organisation during COVID-19



With the spread of COVID-19, many organisations are operating in ways they never have before, with entire companies working remotely. While you may be busy helping your employees stay connected, it's important to make data security part of your pandemic planning and strategy. The Australian Cyber Security Centre has reported a rise in phishing attacks.

Here are 5 ways to protect your business and employees against phishing emails:

- Check the sender's details
 - Does the email address after the '@' symbol in the 'From' line look legitimate?
- Delete emails from unfamiliar sources containing links or attachments
 - Do not click on the links as they could be embedded with malware.

- Communicate through secure channels
 - Do not respond to requests for information through SMS or phone.
- Seek information from official sources
 - Social media ads can spread coronavirus conspiracies and fake cures.
- **S** Visit reputable websites
 - Visit known websites like
 <u>Australian Department of Health</u>
 or the World Health Organization.

For more information on the phishing attacks and cybersecurity during COVID-19, please visit the **Australian Cyber Security Centre.**

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