

ALERT: Increased Phishing/Spam is expected - be careful!

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To: MCC - All <MCC-ALL@MOHAVE.EDU>

Dear MCC Community,

The IT team is expecting to see a significant increase in the amount and variety of phishing and spam e-mails in the next few weeks. This threat estimate is based on knowledge gained over the weekend and as the result of information sharing with other institutions. Please be extra careful for a while, and remember the basics of e-mail phishing prevention:

1. Suspicious e-mails should be forwarded to abuse@mohave.edu.
2. If the e-mail is asking you to hurry, it's probably a scam.
3. If the e-mail is asking you for personal information, it's a scam.
4. If the e-mail has a link to a website, hover your mouse over the site to make sure it's not redirecting you somewhere else. Then assume it might be a scam anyway – you can always pick up the phone and call!
5. The IRS will never e-mail you about taxes due or your refund. The IRS will never call you about taxes due or your refund. The way the IRS gets in touch with taxpayers is via certified mail.
6. Your bank knows where you live, your phone number, and the details of your account – they never need you to verify them via e-mail or website. If you have a bank that does this, get a new bank.
7. If it sounds too good to be true, it is. If you don't believe that, I've got title to a bridge in San Francisco for sale – reach out and we'll talk price!
8. Always be willing to slow down and think – there's nothing so urgent that it should cost you everything you own.

There are additional resources available at www.mohave.edu/it. Please be careful out there. As ever, should you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Be Safe and Be Well,

Mark

THE IT DEPARTMENT WILL NEVER ASK FOR YOUR PASSWORD OVER THE PHONE OR E-MAIL.



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