

# Phishing Red Flags

A quick checklist you can print and keep at home or at work

## Red Flags to Watch For:

- ▶ Unexpected emails or texts claiming urgent account problems.
- ▶ Messages with poor grammar, misspellings, or odd phrasing.
- ▶ Links that don't match the sender's domain (hover before clicking).
- ▶ Requests for personal info, PINs, or one-time passcodes. Your bank will never ask this.
- ▶ Too-good-to-be-true offers, prizes, or refunds you weren't expecting.
- ▶ Attachments from unknown senders, especially ZIP, EXE, or Word files.
- ▶ Pressure to act fast: "immediately," "urgent," or "last chance."
- ▶ Generic greetings like "Dear Customer" instead of your name.
- ▶ Emails that look like they're from your boss/HR but come from a strange address.
- ▶ Unusual requests for gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency

If something feels suspicious, stop and verify the official source. Call the bank or company using the number on their website — not the one in the message.