PUT A HALT TO PHISHING

The reality of phishing…

ESDC has one of the largest holdings of personal information in the Government of Canada, making us a prime target for phishing attacks. It all comes down to you; don't be the one to get caught.

156 million — Number of phishing emails sent worldwide every day

80,000 — Number of people worldwide who fall for the scam

180 — Number of phishing attacks ESDC experienced in 2015

1 — Number of people a cybercriminal needs to catch in order to succeed

How can I identify a phishing email?

- Know the difference between spam and phishing (Spam vs. Phishing Cheat Sheet)
- Perform HALT on every email you get (Hover, Analyze, Look, Test)
- Watch out for these clues:
  - Generic greeting
  - Time stamp outside normal business hours
  - Spelling and grammatical errors
  - Sense of urgency to respond/act on a request
  - No signature block or contact information

I received an email that I think might be a phishing attack. What now?

- Report it online to the National Service Desk by clicking on the fish hook icon.

Do not click on links that seem suspicious when you hover over them.

Do not open attachments that are from someone you've never heard of, or are about a topic you know nothing about.

What can I do to learn more about phishing?

Spam and Phishing Do's and Don'ts	Complete IT Security Essentials
Check out IITB Express Blog	Explore the Easy Action Toolkit

Click on the videos to watch them!

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