

The Recent Netflix Phishing Scam: Protect yourself and your information

If you receive an e-mail from Netflix claiming your account is about to be suspended, don't open it—it's likely a scam. Millions of Netflix subscribers have recently been targeted with the phishing emails, asking them to update their account information.

The scam looks particularly authentic because the emails sent out are personalized to the recipient. Once opened, the message informs Netflix users that their billing information "has been invalidated and urges them to update their details on the website". The victim is then taken to a fake Netflix landing page (that includes images of shows like The Crown and House of Cards), and is asked to log in with their personal information, including their credit card and bank account numbers.

To avoid falling victim to one of these scams, always confirm links within emails and check the domain they're pointing to. To confirm who really sent an email, click on the downward arrow next to the sender's name in Gmail or hover over the sender's name in YahooMail. It'll expand to show the full info. Some other steps to take to protect yourself against phishing scams are to:

- Make account changes by navigating, on your own, to a site itself, and log in there instead of going through an email link.
- Don't reuse passwords.
- View any emails that push you to act right away with caution.

Be wary of suspicious, unwarranted e-mails requesting your personal information.

