



Checklist for Recognizing and Avoiding Yahoo Phishing Emails

Recognizing Yahoo Phishing Emails

- Look for urgent language or requests for personal data.
- Check for unusual activity alerts and urgent verification requests.
- Be wary of emails claiming you have won a prize or gift.

Actions to Take with Yahoo Phishing Emails

- **Avoid Clicking Links or Opening Attachments**
 - Do not click on any links or open attachments in suspicious emails.
- **Verify the Sender**
 - Check the sender's email address for subtle misspellings or unusual characters.
- **Report the Email**
 - Forward the email to phishing@cc.yahoo-inc.com.
- **Mark Emails as Spam**
 - Use the spam icon in Yahoo Mail to mark the email as spam.
- **Reset Your Password**
 - Change your Yahoo account password and enable two-step authentication.
- **Educate Yourself**
 - Learn about common phishing tactics and warning signs.
- **Utilize Security Software**
 - Keep your antivirus software up to date to detect and block malware.

Examples of Common Yahoo Phishing Emails

- **Fake Account Verification Email**
 - Look for subject lines like "Urgent Action Required" and messages about unusual account activity.
- **Prize or Gift Scam**
 - Beware of emails congratulating you on winning a gift or prize and urging you to claim it quickly.

Personal Strategies for Avoiding Phishing Emails

- **Identifying Red Flags**
 - Recognize common phishing signs like urgent prompts and suspicious links.
- **Confirming the Sender**
 - Check for authentic email addresses with no misspellings or extra characters.
- **Reporting Suspicious Emails**

- Report emails to Yahoo and mark them as spam.
- **Increasing Security**
 - Use strong, unique passwords and enable two-step authentication.

Understanding the Risks

- **Opening a Phishing Email**
 - Know that just opening an email can inform scammers that your email address is active.
- **How Spammers Know You Opened Their Email**
 - Be aware of tracking pixels, custom links, and read receipts used by spammers to monitor engagement.