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PHISHING · KEEP IT BY THE INBOX

Is this email legit?
The 30-second scam check.

Scammers got better at writing. CISA notes that perfect spelling doesn't prove anything anymore, because AI tools clean up their grammar. So check the things they can't fake. 🕵️

SIX RED FLAGS

Rush job
"Act now," "account suspended," "final notice." Pressure is the point.

Asks for the keys
Passwords, sign-in codes, bank details or personal info. Treat any email that asks as suspect.

Almost-right sender
The name says your bank. The address says something else. Look for one swapped letter.

Mystery link
Short or odd links. Hover (or long-press on a phone) to see where it really goes first.

Weird way to pay
Gift cards, crypto or cash apps. The FCC says those payment requests are always fraud.

Surprise attachment
An invoice you never asked for, a "voicemail," a zipped "document" or a message file.

The 30-second check (do it every time)

1 Pause.
Were you expecting this? Does it want money, a password or a click, fast?

2 Verify another way.
Call a number you already have, or type the website yourself. Never use the contact info in the message.

3 Report & delete.
Use your email's Report button. Don't reply or click "unsubscribe." Forward scam texts to 7726.

NEW TRICKS MAKING THE ROUNDS

A code you didn't ask for
A "booking code" or "verification code" you're told to type into a Microsoft page. Only enter codes for sign-ins you started.

"Paste this to prove you're human"
If a page tells you to press Windows+R and paste something, it's a scam. Close it.

A QR code in a box you didn't order
The FCC and Postal Inspectors warn: don't scan QR codes from surprise packages.

"We changed our bank details"
New payment info from a vendor? Call them at a number you already have before you pay.

⚠ **Clicked anyway? Happens to the best of us.** Close the page and don't type anything else into it. If you pasted a command or opened an attachment, disconnect from the network. Change the password from a different device you trust, then tell your IT person right away. Speed beats embarrassment. Don't forward the message; use the Report button.

Sources: CISA Secure Our World, "Recognize and Report Phishing" (signs of phishing, verify another way, report and delete); FCC, "How to Avoid Package Delivery Scams" (gift card, crypto and cash app payment requests; QR codes in unordered packages; forward scam texts to 7726), updated Nov 16, 2026; Huntress (Nov 12, 2026) and Help Net Security (Nov 13, 2026) on fake Teams meeting codes; Help Net Security (Nov 13, 2026) on fake "paste this" verification pages.

Not sure? Ask before you click.

We'd much rather answer "is this real?" than clean up after it.

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