



New Phishing Email Scam Targets Verizon Customers

Verizon customers are apparently being targeted by a new phishing scam that attempts to get their credit card and other personal information.

The Verizon phishing email looks like an official email from Verizon requesting that you update your account by providing or verifying your personal information such as credit card information. If you get such an email, delete it immediately. Verizon will never ask customers to provide or verify personal or account information by email.

If you have already entered your personal account information in response to the phishing email, you must take immediate action, including contacting your bank. And, depending on what information you gave out, you may want to protect yourself against identity theft by closing your accounts, placing a fraud alert on your credit, and filing a report with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/consumers/filing-a-report.html>.

For more information about the latest Verizon phishing scam, contact Verizon via their official website at www.verizon.com or <http://www22.verizon.com/content/ContactUs>. To report fraud or abuse, email Verizon directly at abuse@verizon.com.

While the current phishing scam may be targeted toward Verizon customers, there are other email scams that appear to be from legitimate companies but they are really just phishing for consumers' personal information.

To prevent phishing email scams, the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation offers the following tips:

1. Do not reply to suspicious email messages.
2. Do not open any attachments or links, as they may contain a malicious code that will infect your computer.
3. Delete the email message from your computer.

For more information about Identity Theft, click on the following links: [Office of Consumer Affairs -- Identity Theft](#) and [Federal Trade Commission - Identity Theft](#).

