

## TECH TIPS

# Don't Get Hooked by Phishing

Phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending emails or other messages claiming to be from trusted companies in order to convince individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.



**✗** **DON'T** click on links or attachments in unsolicited emails.

**✗** **DON'T** give out personal or financial information in an email, text, or over the phone.

**✗** **DON'T** believe that you may have won a lottery that you never entered. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

**✗** **DON'T** allow strangers access to your computer. And those pop-ups claiming that you have an urgent problem with your computer? You guessed, it, it's a scam.

**✓** **DO** be suspicious of emails that claim to be "URGENT".

**✓** **DO** be aware of misspelled words, poor grammar, and generic terms like "Dear Sir" or "Dear Ma'am".

**✓** **DO** be wary of emails from "banks" and other "financial institutions" that ask you to "verify" your account information. Call your bank directly.

**✓** **DO** check the email address that you are responding to. Click or tap on the sender's name and you will see their email address before you reply.