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Scam of the Week

The scam goes like this. You receive an unsolicited email from what appears to be a credit card company. The email states that you may have had suspicious activity on your credit card and they want you to click on a link to their website. This is known as "Phishing". They want you to go to their "official looking" website and provide them your email address, passwords, and personal and financial information.

Look for these clues to see if an email is fraudulent. The email threaten to close your account unless you provided account or personal information, claims that they need to update your account or personal information, has an odd looking email address or link or offers a service that can only be provided with your personal information. Poor grammar and miss spelled words are written within the email.

If you are suspicious about any of these get out your credit card and call the toll free number on the back and ask them directly what the problem is or if they sent the email. Do not use the number they give you in the email.

Also report any fraudulent email by forwarding it to spam@uce.gov , or to your credit card company.

If you have any questions you can always call your local banker, law enforcement officer or me at (307) 283-1090.

Sincerely,

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