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## Fraud Alert

### Phishing Emails are Targeting Credit Unions and Appear to be from Trusted Sources.

Over the past few days, credit unions have reported an increase in phishing emails that appear to come from legitimate sources.

So far, the emails are purporting to come from the NCUA, CUNA, and several credit union leagues/associations. There have been several emails sent from credit unions as well. The emails ask the recipient to click on a link and login with the contacted email address and password in order to access a file or document that has been shared. This is a phishing attempt aimed at trying to obtain usernames and passwords for websites and possible access to the recipients' systems.

Phishing is a common technique used to gain unauthorized access to a system. Because of this, it is imperative that emails are only opened if they are from trusted sources. Additionally, if the email appears to be from a trusted source but was unexpected or is in an unfamiliar format, it is recommended that you alert your IT team or check with the source of the email. If you are not expecting a file or document from a trusted source, try verifying the legitimacy of the email before clicking on a link or opening a file. For example, you could contact the source of the email outside of the email received-- via a phone call, an independent email, etc.

If you did click on link contained in a phishing email (or are unsure), you should change your username and password for that impacted website immediately. Additionally, if you do use the same username and password across multiple sites, it is recommended that you change all of them and try to vary the passwords if possible. You should also notify the individual(s) responsible for your system security to see if they can identify any additional impacts the email might have had on the security of your systems.

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