



# Crime Alert Bulletin

## PHISHING SCAMS

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Be alert to possible phishing scams and frauds that sometimes have a convincing and legitimate appearance, some have included the use of our university e-mail domain. The best advice is to be very suspicious and remain on guard. **Never tap or click links in messages. Never cash checks. Never share personal information.** Below are examples of recently received suspicious e-mails, which contained limited information to prove validity and were seeking information.

Be vigilant to avoid being a victim of these scams.

### Example 1

*My name is XXXXX and my job is to provide part-time employment for qualified students during the academic year and beyond. I have contacted you because there is an opening for you.....*

*I am the Chief Information Officer for the Disability Services Council.*

*I also provide individual and group therapy, coaching, assessment, and academic screenings to support students with disabilities (physical, chronic, psychiatric, and invisible).....*

*You have received this email to be considered for an offer from the University Office for Students with Disabilities to work with me. This is an at-will position which reports directly to me. Should you decide to accept the offer, you do not have to travel to occupy this position as we are transitioning online because of the pandemic.....*

### Example 2

*We notice that your office 365 has two different logins with two universities portals. Kindly indicate the two logins as soon as possible. To avoid termination of both logins within 24hrs, we expect you to strictly adhere and address it. You are advised to keep the same password using the below button to avoid losing your data. (Copy and paste the URL Below into the address bar of your web browser.).....*

## How to block senders and control junk email

You can control incoming suspicious emails by utilizing the "Junk" tab on your Outlook Email Toolbar.

## What is Phishing?

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>

For additional information or to report a scam or fraud to the Federal Trade Commission contact <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt&panel1-11>.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please contact the University Police at 727-873-4444 or [stp-police@usf.edu](mailto:stp-police@usf.edu).

**SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING.**

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