



Crime Alert Bulletin

PHISHING SCAMS

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Just a reminder to everyone to be alert to possible phishing scams that sometimes have a convincing and legitimate appearance. The best advice is to be very suspicious and remain on guard. **Never tap or click links in messages.** Look up website addresses and other information to verify their validity. Below is an example of a recently received suspicious e-mail, which contained hyperlinks and limited information to prove validity.

Be vigilant to avoid being a victim of scams.

Employee #####,

It's that time of the year again to schedule a phone call, teleconference, or in-person meeting off campus with a representative regarding your specific state, federal and individual retirement benefit questions.

At the meeting you'll learn what your potential income can be when you retire, and how much longer you may need to work. You'll also receive advice on the best ways to utilize your 401(a)/403(b) options with your state retirement and/or Social Security benefits, as well as get answers to general retirement questions.

Please be sure to indicate which type of appointment you prefer (off-campus, phone call, or teleconference) in the notes section while scheduling. Please also include your direct cell phone number.

Appointments tend to fill up quickly. To secure your spot, click the link below.

Licensed representatives are not employees of the college or state retirement system. All representatives are independent and licensed by the state department of insurance.

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&panel1-1>. If you need any additional information or assistance, please contact the University Police at 727-873-4444 or usfsp-police@usf.edu.

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