



## SOCIAL ENGINEERING, PHISHING AND CYBER FRAUD FAQ'S

# What is Social Engineering?

**Social Engineering is effectively the use of deception to manipulate individuals into divulging confidential or personal information that may be used for fraudulent purposes.**

A common example is where a person receives a phishing email which is a clever, authentic-looking email aimed at tricking individuals into disclosing sensitive information or carrying out tasks through deceptive means. They can include malicious links, attachments or redirection to a fake website that requests information.

The email looks like it has come from a legitimate sender such as your colleague, organisation, supplier or vendor.

**In recent times, Social Engineering, Phishing and Cyber fraud notifications and claims have become prevalent.**

DUAL is now offering a coverage enhancement Optional Extension under our Cyber product which provides first and third party cover for the Insured's direct financial loss arising from:

- Social Engineering
- Push payment fraud
- Other cyber fraud events

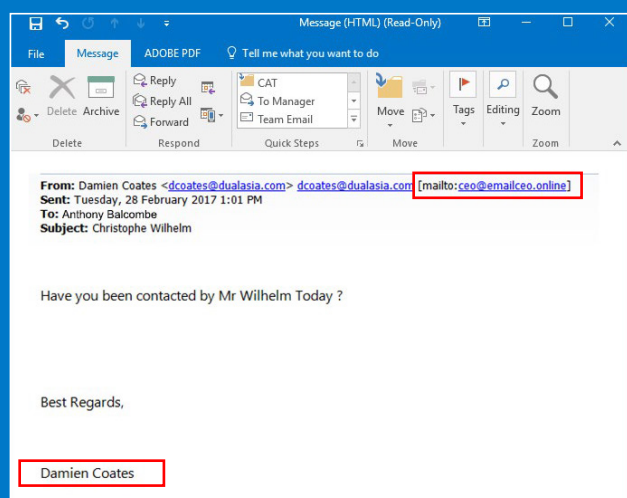
**Aren't scam emails blocked by junk mail or firewalls?**

Even the most sophisticated email servers will allow some phishing emails to go through, so it's important to check every request for payment or invoice received by email thoroughly before forwarding on for, or organising, payment.

## How can you tell if an email is a phishing email?

**You can often spot a phishing email from the following:**

- The email claims to be sent from a senior executive member of the business.  
**Example:** the Managing Director asking you to pay an invoice
- The content has an urgency to it, or requires urgent action from you.  
**Example:** You must urgently pay this invoice in the next 24 hours
- The return and/ or reply email address are unknown to you, or contain spelling errors. Beware that when using a mobile phone, the return address may not fully display.



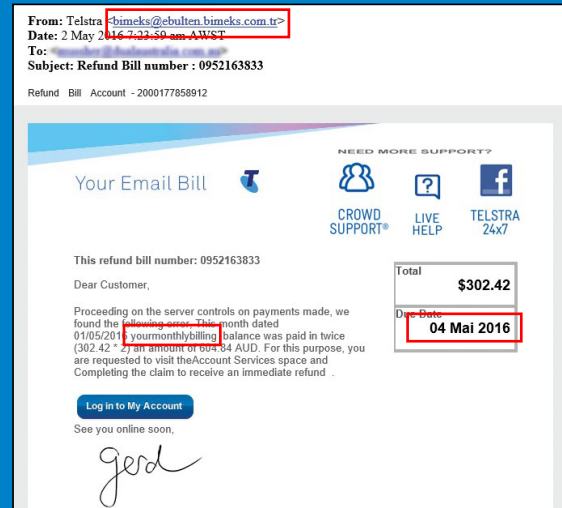
**Example:** email (above) says it's from Damien Coates with return email ceo@emailceo.online

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- The content urges you to get in touch with a unknown third party.  
**Example:** To arrange payment for a Telstra invoice contact Bimeks.
- There are spelling mistakes or formatting errors in the email.  
**Example:** Invoice Date 15th Mai 216, or pleaseclickheretopay.
- The content requests sensitive information which you wouldn't normally need to provide to a supplier, or that they should already contain on file.  
**Example:** Please provide your credit card details.



# What if you receive a phishing email?

1. Do not respond or click on any of the links or attachments in the email
2. Forward the email to your IT service provider to confirm
3. Delete the email
4. Block the sender and warn any other recipients



## How can you help prevent falling victim to phishing emails or social engineering scams?

1. Check every invoice or email thoroughly against the tips above to ensure you are absolutely confident it is a legitimate request for payment or information before sending on, or organising payment
2. If in doubt, forward the email to your IT service provider to confirm
3. Ensure the Finance Department has the following controls in place that may prevent scam requests for payment from getting through:
  - Verify all new bank accounts by a direct call to the receiving bank to confirm it is a legitimate account, prior to being established in the accounts payable system
  - Verify all changes to existing bank account details (including routing numbers, account numbers, telephone numbers and contact information), by placing a direct call using only the contact number previously provided by the vendor/supplier before the request was received
  - Send all confirmations of banking changes requested by the vendor/employee/client to a person independent of the requestor of the change, with any changes being implemented only after the vendor/supplier has the opportunity to challenge them;
  - Ensure there is a review of all changes to banking records by a supervisor or next-level approver before any change to the record is processed
  - Run exception reports, either automatic, or manually created, showing all changes to the standing data of vendors/suppliers.



## What is social engineering?

Social engineering means the impersonation of a third party which causes the insured to transfer money or assets from their account to the third party.

This third party may be impersonating the insured themselves, a customer of the insured or an entity with which the insured contracts with or purchases goods from.

## What is a cyber fraud event?

### A cyber fraud event includes:

- the theft or unauthorised transfer or charging of money or financial assets from the insured's bank account or corporate credit cards by electronic means;
- the theft or unauthorised transfer of cryptocurrency or digital assets from the insured's systems;
- the amendment of electronic documentation stored on the insured's systems to manipulate the insured to pay money or financial assets to an unintended third party.

## What is Direct Financial Loss?

Direct Financial Loss means the loss of money, financial assets, cryptocurrency or digital assets owned by or belonging to the insured or in their care, custody or control, caused by social engineering or a cyber event provided such loss is not recoverable from any financial institution or any other source.

## Further Questions?

For more information on DUALs Cyber Liability product or Cyber Fraud, please contact your local DUAL Underwriter.