

The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago urges all citizens to be vigilant against cybercrimes such as phishing, identity theft, internet fraud and banking fraud. Learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones.

"Phishing" refers to an attempt to steal sensitive information like usernames, passwords or credit card numbers to utilise or sell it. By presenting as a reputable source or trusted company with an enticing request, scammers lure in their victims like a fisherman using bait to catch a fish. These requests often come in the form of emails or text messages.

Look out for:

- **Requests for personal information**: Legitimate organisations will never ask for personal information via email or text.
- **Urgent problems:** Claims of account breaches or payment failures are common. Do not click on any links; instead, go directly to the organisation's website.
- **Suspicious URLs:** Hover over links to see the actual URL. If it looks strange, don't click.
- Spelling and grammar mistakes: These are red flags.

Check out the guide on our website to learn more tips at <u>https://www.central-bank.org.tt/cybersafe</u>

