Identifying Email and Text Spam

In This Module

- How can you recognize email and text spam?

- What are some examples of email and text spam?

Email and Text Spam

These types of spam messages often take the form of scams, schemes, phishing schemes, and other attempts to obtain your personal data and information

Spam is annoying, but it can also be used to compromise your digital security

Discussion

What are some of your experiences with email and text spam?

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What are some common features and traits of spam messages?

Common Traits of Spam

- Spelling and grammar errors
- Urgent messages trying to get your to rush or do something quickly
- Messages that ask you to download a file or click on a link
- Unexpected messages from unknown senders
- Offers of prizes or deals
- Requests for account information

Activity

How do you identify examples of email and text spam?

Takeaways

- Email and text spam is increasingly common. It is annoying and distracting, but it can also be potentially dangerous since these types of messages can expose you to scams, schemes, or malware

- Learning how to recognize these sorts of spam messages can help you avoid scams, schemes, and malware

Resources

National Do Not Call Registry (link)

"How to Recognize and Report Spam Text Messages" from the FTC (link)

"How to avoid falling victim to online, email and phone scams" from *The Guardian* (link)

Questions?