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DESERT FINANCIAL'S FRAUD PREVENTION SCHOOL

#### **3 SIMPLE RULES TO STOP SCAMMERS**

The power to prevent fraud is in your hands.

RULE 1



#### **SLOW DOWN**

Nothing is so URGENT that it can't wait for you to read a message over carefully.

**EXAMPLE A** 

See any missSpelinngs? **Delete and report.** 

From: DessertFinnancial.com/sendmoney

To: Member@1234.com

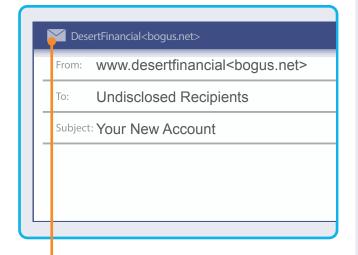
Subject: Your Account Info

Desr Member,
Were contacting you in regards to you and will need you to contact us immed

Look for poor grammar and incorrect spelling in the address box, subject and email text.

EXAMPLE B

URL look phishy? **Don't take the bait.** 



The URL should be going where you'd expect — for example, DesertFinancial.com.







It takes just 1 minute and 22 seconds on average until the first open-and-click of a scam email.



#### RULE 2

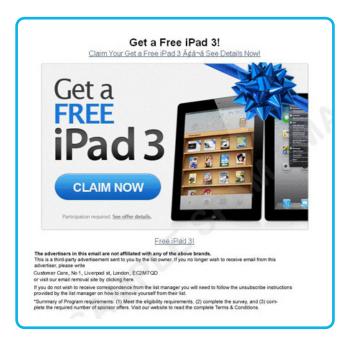


## IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD (OR BAD) TO BE TRUE, THEN IT IS.

Scammers rely on your excitement, emotions and good intentions to steal your financial info.



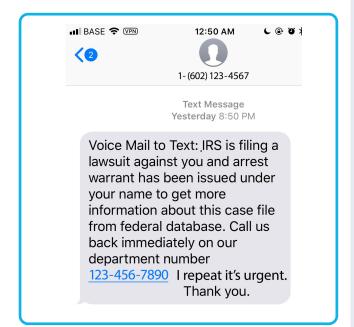
Are you a lucky winner? **Don't click**.



Pop-up ads for FREE products are typically scams. Steer clear of giveaways unless you hear directly from a reputable source like Desert Financial.



Is the IRS after you? Ignore or report voice mail threats.



Scammers use scare tactics to coerce you into giving them info. When in doubt, call the organization's official number to verify.





The *arrest warrant* robocall made the 2019 IRS "Dirty Dozen" list of the 12 most common tax scams.



#### RULE 3

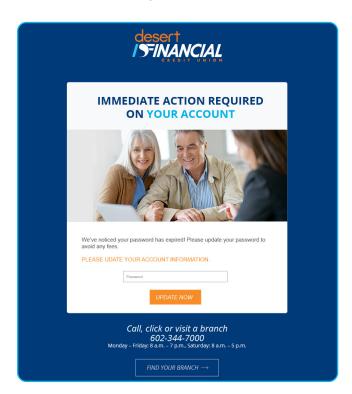


### PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

Desert Financial will *never* ask for your password, PIN, credit card number or other personal information by phone or email.

**EXAMPLE A** 

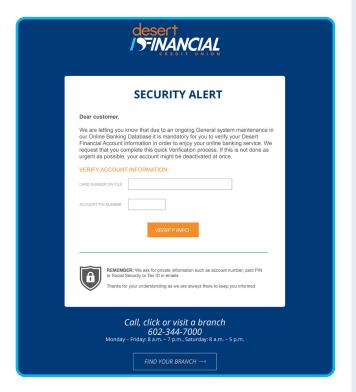
Requesting your login? Don't give scammers a free pass(word).



DesertFinancial.com and the Desert Financial app are the only places where you should enter your login.

EXAMPLE B

Need your PIN to verify? Stick a pin in that request.



If you do accidentally give out your banking PIN or password, change it immediately and report the fraud to us.

Most companies WILL NOT REIMBURSE YOU for fraudulent charges if YOU provide your personal information to a scammer.