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Guarding Against Phishing Attacks

Dear Esteemed Clients,

Following the fraudulent incident by Obinwanne Okeke “Invictus Group” a young Nigerian who was arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) early August 2019, who through the use of a **Phishing email** defrauded a company "Unatrac Holdings Limited" of wire transfers totaling nearly Eleven million US Dollars ($11,000,000).

Digital Encode has deemed it requisite to alert her clients of the criticality of a Phishing attack and how to guard against it.

Phishing attacks are one of the most well-known security challenges that both people and organizations face in keeping their data secure. Regardless of whether it is gaining access to passwords, charge cards (debit or credit), or other sensitive data, Hackers are utilizing email, online networking, telephone calls, and any sort of communication to steal valuable information.

Financial institutions, of course, are hugely their appealing targets.

To check if your email accounts (both personal and official) have been compromised, Digital Encode advises that you navigate to this website https://haveibeenpwned.com/ (This is a secured website that allows internet users to check if their personal data has been compromised by data breaches and will not use any of your personal information for malicious purposes).

See below some recommendations for protection against phishing.

- Use a multi factor authentication: This can also be enabled on the security setting of your email platform.
- Check your email settings to see if there are any strange filters already. if found, change your password immediately and delete the filter.
- Avoid using public WIFI to access your email or carry out sensitive transactions.
- Do not share you email password or token with anyone.
- Sensitize your employees and conduct training sessions with mock phishing scenarios.
- Implement an Email Security solution.

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