

Social Engineering Red Flags

If an email checks most – if not all – of the following characteristics, watch out. It's a scam.



FROM

- ☐ An unfamiliar email address
- ☐ An uncommon contact
- ☐ A suspicious domain
- ☐ A misspelled email address



TO

- ☐ Multiple email addresses
- ☐ Random and unknown email addresses



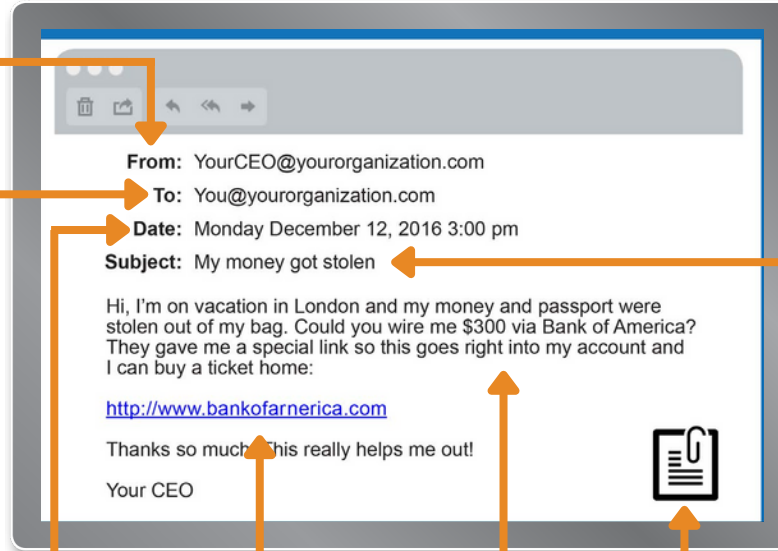
DATE

- ☐ Received at an unusual date/time



HYPERLINKS

- ☐ Leads to a domain different from the stated text
- ☐ Is the only content in the email
- ☐ Is misspelled (i.e. bankofarnerica.com instead of bankofamerica.com)



SUBJECT

- ☐ Contains an old password
- ☐ Doesn't match the message
- ☐ Has multiple grammar/spelling errors
- ☐ A Is a reply (but you don't remember sending a message)
- ☐ Implies the email contains sensitive photographs or messages



ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Unexpected
- ☐ Dangerous file types (i.e .docx, .pdf, .exe)



CONTENT

- ☐ Contains an out-of-character message
- ☐ Has multiple spelling/grammar errors
- ☐ Has illogical links or attachments
- ☐ Triggers an uncomfortable gut feeling
- ☐ Attempts to blackmail you with compromising information or photos.