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How to be smart with email when the bad guys are getting smarter

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QUESTION:

I always need to respond to things from UAB, right, especially from HR? For example this:

From: _____@uab.edu <_____@uab.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 10:48 AM
To: _____1@uab.edu
Subject: Payroll Notification 17/12/2019 08:48:19

You have 1 new Important payroll notification.

www.hr.uab.edu/payroll

The University of Alabama at Birmingham | Payroll Services.17/12/2019 08:48:19

I mean, this is unusual but it says it's from UAB and it says it's important, and the link goes to UAB, so that guarantees it's safe, right?

So I should definitely go ahead and do as instructed, right??

ANSWER:

NOOOOO... The above is a confirmed **phishing** attempt!!

We received concern from exactly 2 people at DOPM when they got this spam/phishing email. Did anyone else get this, and just wasn't concerned??

This is a good one. It almost looks legitimate, and it would be easy to get fooled by this. But you should be suspicious and look closely at all aspects of the message because:

- It's not usual to get this
- It is not signed by anyone with a name and phone number
- It has a European date format "17/12/2019"

So consider this a reminder to please just be aware and **be appropriately suspicious**.

And if at all concerned, please tell us and/or HSIS (at rspam@uabmc.edu)

You can refer to this earlier [TOTW](#) for some general guidelines

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