

## Scam Of The Week: Locked PDF Phishing Attack

*There is a phishing attack going on you need to know about. The campaign sends an email with the subject: "Assessment document" and the body of the email has a PDF attachment in it that claims that it is locked. The message reads: "PDF Secure File UNLOCK to Access File Content". If you click to unlock the document, a dialog box comes up that asks you to put in your email address and password.*

*If an email like that makes it into your inbox, do not click on anything, and definitely do not enter your email address and password. It is best to delete the email. Remember, Think Before You Click!*

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I am often asked the definition of Phishing. Following is a definition from webopedia.com.

**Phishing (email):** (fish'ing) (n.) The act of sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established, legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

Phishing email will typically direct the user to visit a website where they are asked to update personal information, such as a password, credit card, social security, or bank account numbers, that the legitimate organization already has. The website, however, is bogus and will capture and steal any information the user enters on the page.

Don't trust those emails. Always go directly to a website to login, don't click on a link from an email! Please feel free to forward this to family & friends.