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Beware of phishing scams (emails) this holiday season



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Please note: Emails sent from xxxxx @ NYSSkillsUSA.org will never ask for your personal account information or demand payment.

We have only 4 official email address's that come from our site, they are as follows:

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The holidays are a busy time for buying gifts and other items, but unfortunately it's also a time when consumers need to be on the lookout for potential scams.

Phishing scams, in particular, tend to flourish during the holidays. In this type of con, a scammer will send malicious emails and messages to consumers to try to obtain credit card details, usernames, passwords, and other sensitive information.

How to tell if you received a Phishing Spam email from NYSSkillsUSA.org:

Pay close attention to the return email address, you can usually just run your mouse across the return email address and you will see it pointing to a different email address other than ours.

Again please check the return email address in email itself. If you have questions or are not sure, do not reply to this email call one of our contacts on our site to verify.

Pay close attention to the web address. Scammers will often misspell words in a URL to make it seem like you are going to a trusted website. Be on the lookout for extra letters, odd combinations, and extra affixes at the end of URLs. Don't click links in suspicious messages or emails. Sometimes all it takes for a phishing attack to be successful is for the recipient to click on a malicious link. In addition to misspelled words, phishing emails are often riddled with other grammatical errors. If the email does not look like something that was professionally edited, you could be looking at a scam.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

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