

Spear Phishing Attacks Targeting the Financial Services Industry

Security incidents impacting financial institutions can lead to financial harm, as well as fear and uncertainty from customers and the market. They can also affect the reputation of our institution. As the number of cyberattacks targeting our industry continues to increase, it is important to be aware of the latest threats.

The image shows a simulated email client window with a dark blue header and a light gray body. The email content is as follows:

From: finances@abcinvest.org
Subject: confirmation transfer

Dear sir,

Please see attach file for confirmation transfer and detail of payment in advance of transfer

looking forward to reply from you soon

Regards,
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Four callout boxes provide additional context:

- Top: "Do you recognize the sender?"
- Right of subject line: "Is this how you typically receive transfer confirmations?"
- Right of the underlined subject line: "Never open unexpected attachments."
- Bottom right: "Look out for spelling or grammar mistakes and unusual spacing or formatting."

REMEMBER:

- 1 Don't interact with unsolicited hyperlinks and attachments
- 2 Scrutinize all email requests
- 3 Be wary of wire transfer requests
- 4 Always verify