

Many of you have probably received emails of questionable veracity. There has been an increase in these scam emails leading me to send out these reminders:

1. Do not reply to an email by using the enclosed link. Instead, go to your web browser and, in the address window, enter the site address you already have saved. As an example, if you get an email from Chase Bank saying your account has been compromised and there is a link that you are supposed to use to get to the site, do not select it. Instead, open your browser and type in <https://www.chase.com> or the address you have saved as a bookmark. If in doubt, call the company using a number you already know or from an official document or credit card.
2. Do not fall for the “Amazon” scam. You get an email saying you purchased an item from Amazon (or some other company) and the cost is \$675. If you want to cancel this purchase select the following link or call an included number. This is a common scam and you should delete the email immediately.
3. You get a phone call or email telling you that you have a virus on your computer. (Sometimes you get a pop-up saying the same thing) This is also a scam and you should delete the message, hang up, or restart your web browser depending upon how you received the notice.
4. You get any message that asks you to pick up gift cards. It may be from a known person. Refuse to comply. It is a scam. Call the person directly to let them know this occurred.
5. You get an email from a bank telling you your account is compromised. They ask for specific personal information to prove it is you. Don't ever send any personal information in an email. Again, call the institution to confirm the request. Do not use the telephone number in the email but the one you are confident is correct.

There are many more scams out there trying to take away your hard earned money or steal personal information. The best suggestion is to take a breath and take some time to consider the notice. Also, a new pair of eyes can definitely help so seek out someone to discuss the issue.

We want you to be safe and secure. If we can ever help, just let any of your fellow members at the club's help sessions assist.

Have a wonderful day.