

Warning! - Spammers And Cyber Criminals Exploit The Season

Security experts are reminding people to be on high alert for fraudulent e-mails during the month of December. Spammers and cyber criminals have already begun sending out spam with messages related to seasonal shopping and the current economic turmoil.

Examples of this spam include offers of Rolex watches at low prices (that are, of course, fake), and e-mails that promise you a chance to win money for your gift purchases. Others target job hunters with messages made to look like employment opportunities from major companies, or promote bogus lotteries to financially strapped individuals. The typical goal of this spam is to either lead recipients to phishing sites to capture personal information or install malware and turn PCs into zombie machines.

If you receive e-mail messages like this, DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK. Instead, simply delete them. Also, make sure you have a firewall installed, and keep your antivirus and antispyware software up to date. To get additional information regarding online safety and computer protection, you can visit <http://www.getnetwise.org>.