Welcome to phishme.com

The Division of Information Technology (I.T.) announces the launch of the second year of the awareness program to help you learn about spear-phishing. While similar to a phishing email, spear-phishing messages are typically personalized, making it appear that they are from a person or organization with whom you are familiar. Anyone who has an email address is a potential target for spear phishing.

It is likely that you have already received phishing emails at home and at work. You may not realize, however, that sophisticated bad guys use the same techniques to steal data from companies and organizations. Credentials stolen through successful phishing can be used to steal money, intellectual property, personal information or anything else of value from individuals and organizations. Phishing attacks are an even bigger threat this year than last year. While we continue to make improvements to security defenses, the best defense against these attacks is not always technology, but rather knowing how to spot and report spear phishing. When any e-mail message contains a link, **Think before you Click**!

Beginning in October, you will receive occasional spear-phishing emails that mimic the attacks that target our organization. The purpose of these emails is to give you experience in identifying what a spear-phishing email looks like, before you are victimized by a real one. If you get 'reeled in' by one of the educational phishing simulations, you will instantly be alerted that it was a training exercise, and be presented with training materials about how to improve at identifying spear-phishing. If you succumb to ('get hooked') by multiple simulations, I.T. may reach out to you - confidentially - to offer individual training to assist you in better protecting yourself and EMU from future spear-phishing messages. If you think you have spotted a spear-phishing message, report it to I.T. by clicking the "SPAM" button in EagleMail.

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While this program is focused on spear-phishing attacks in our work environment, the tips you will learn will allow you to better protect yourself from having your identity and/or money stolen by spear-phishers.

To get head start learning about various types of phishing attacks, feel free to review the Phishing Education materials. If you have questions or comments about this training program, please contact Rocky Jenkins at rjenkins@emich.edu or 487-3145.