

Be Cyber Aware and Be Prepared!



Protect yourself and Scouts Victoria

As a volunteer for Scouts Victoria, ensuring your own cyber safety should be of utmost importance. Regrettably, email is frequently utilised by cybercriminals to spread malware, phishing scams, and other harmful material to unsuspecting individuals. Usually, these assaults appear in the form of an email with an attachment, a message that entices the recipient to click on a link, or other illegal content.

Beware of Phishing attacks

Phishing scams are a prevalent type of cybercrime, where the attacker sends emails that appear to be from a trustworthy brand or individual, using psychological manipulation to create a sense of urgency and fool the recipient into clicking on a harmful link or downloading a malicious attachment. These links or attachments often direct the user to websites that collect sensitive information or install malware on their device.

Beware: Impersonation Scam Alert!

In this example, even though the email appears to be from Rod Byrnes, the email address clearly does not belong to him. This is an example of what you need to be aware of.

Ensure Your Safety with These Easy Steps

In order to guard yourself and Scouts Victoria, it's critical to take proactive measures against these email attacks. Here are a few simple steps you can follow to stay secure:

1. Be careful of emails you receive from people you don't know, especially if they ask for personal information or money.
2. Take a close look at who sent the email and the company they claim to be from.
See if there are any mistakes in the name or email address.
3. Don't click on any links or download any files from people you don't know or trust.
4. Get software on your computer that can block harmful emails and protect your information.
5. Keep your computer and security systems up-to-date, so they are always ready to protect you from the latest threats.
6. Use an extra layer of protection when you log in to your online accounts, like a code sent to your phone.
7. Don't use public Wi-Fi, like in a coffee shop or library, to check important information, as these can be easy for hackers to access.
8. Be careful of emails that try to scare you or make you act quickly, such as emails saying your account will be closed unless you give information.
9. Use a tool that can create strong, unique passwords for all your accounts and remember them for you.
10. Use special email services that protect your sensitive information when you send it, and only give sensitive information to people you trust.



From: Rod Byrnes <officeonlinr7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022, 8:56 AM
To: acc.program
Subject: Diana Swift

Do you have a moment I have a request I need you to handle discreetly.
I am going into a meeting soon no calls so just reply to my Mail

Rod Byrnes
Chief Commissioner
Scouts Victoria
Sent from my Mail

By following these guidelines, you can actively contribute to safeguarding yourself and Scouts Victoria from the harm caused by phishing scams and other email-related cyber dangers. Maintain awareness and take care of your security.

If you'd like to know more, the [Australian Cyber Security Centre](#) has a guide on how you can take action to protect yourself from ever-evolving cyber threats.

