



QUICK TAKE ON DATA SECURITY ACTIVITY

# Sample Phishing Attack

Identify as many warning signs that the below e-mail is actually a phishing attack, rather than a legitimate message.

**From:** Bank of America Smallbusiness [<mailto:dorholdptyltd@telkomsa.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2018 12:47 PM  
**TO:** Name <[name@co.spruce.mn.us](mailto:name@co.spruce.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** ACH Batch



Dear ,

You scheduled a payment of \$32,546.72 for your account ending in Regular Business Checking-8877.

[https://secmail.bankofamerica.com/formpostdir/securereader?id=jngK-UreyCUe2TZbKUhK\\_jOCKrxCXn-ErB&brand=31923](https://secmail.bankofamerica.com/formpostdir/securereader?id=jngK-UreyCUe2TZbKUhK_jOCKrxCXn-ErB&brand=31923)

This is a secure message from Bank of America.



# Sample Phishing Attack Answer Key

Seven warning signs point to this message being a phishing scam.

1. Sender name and e-mail address do not match, nor does the domain name

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2. Generic subject line



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3. Not sent to a specific person

4. Too good to be true

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6. "Secure mail" not spelled out

[http://pclite.cl/lpwfh-bklsqf31o9czzc\\_nvchgyhaf-hrp/](http://pclite.cl/lpwfh-bklsqf31o9czzc_nvchgyhaf-hrp/)

5. Hovering over link reveals it takes you to a different location.

Click or tap to follow link.

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7. Vague sender