

Eight Strategies to Reduce the Risks Associated with Phishing Attacks

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Your organization and your people are going to get phished. It doesn't matter if you are 50 employees or 10,000. The likelihood that hackers are going to find success with at least one employee is high. Despite all the best training, monitoring, and investments in tools and technology, it's still likely you'll have an employee "take the bait."

SO HOW DO YOU PROTECT YOUR INSTITUTION AND YOUR CLIENTS FROM PHISHING ATTACKS?

The best thing financial institutions can do to avoid being phished is to be aware and create a plan to limit the damage. **Here are eight strategies to help you reduce the risk:**

1. Test and tune web and spam filters to protect users against the latest phishing campaigns.
2. Consider using a whitelist-only web browsing policy, or block access to uncategorized and web sites less than 30 days old.
3. Properly configure your institution's Sender Policy Framework (SPF), DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM), and DMARC records.
4. Set up an email address (i.e., spam@banking.com) for employees to direct potential spam emails to the appropriate personnel for verification.
5. Apply multifactor authentication for any externally facing banking resources.
6. Utilize the principle of least privilege when assigning user access rights.
7. Remove local administrator rights from end users.
8. Train users on the importance of strong, secure password creation.

The strategies above constitute a good basis for addressing your institution's phishing exposure. While proactive training and awareness is critically important, Rebyc Security can help you take it a step further and truly customize a [phishing engagement](#) that mimics a real-world attack. To further protect your institution and learn more helpful tips, visit the key resource links below.

RESOURCES

- ¹⁾ [Rebyc Security](#)
- ²⁾ [Gladiator Total Protect™](#)
- ³⁾ [ProfitStars® Cybersecurity Awareness Resource Center](#)
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