

# Social Engineering Scams: 5 Tell Tale Signs

# **Everything is Urgent**

Scammers want to take advantage of you quickly before you have time to think about it, so they will usually set a scenario where you MUST act quickly/urgently.





# The Request is Odd

If your friend is asking you for money (perhaps paid via gift card) and they've never asked that of you before, it's a good idea to go with your gut.

## They Want You to Download

A social engineering scammer may send you an attachment, the email may even look like it comes from one you know or even from your work domain. It's a good idea to always



verify attachments are legitimate.

### They Ask for Your Credentials



Your boss and/or organizations such as the bank you use probably don't need the password for your email or your social security number.

### **Phrasing is Just Weird**

Not every scam message will be a well crafted one, odd phrasing or a ton of spelling errors may be the easiest tell tale sign you're being scammed.



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