SAFETY MEASURES DELIVER MALWARE INSTEAD





Cyber criminals are exploiting headlines and global panic around the COVID-19 pandemic. Exercise extreme caution with any emails containing a COVID-19-related subject line, attachment, or hyperlinks. Be wary of social media pleas, texts, or calls related to COVID-19.

Hsing, Sheng <sheng.hsing@who-pc.com> Tue 1/28/2020 12:19 PM

To: John Smith

Smith FAKE E-MAIL ADDRESS

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Dear Sir, **● TOO GENERIC**

Go through the attached document on <u>safety measures</u> regarding the spreading of corona virus.

This little measure can save you. • URGENCY

Use the link below to download

Safety-Measures.pdf • CHECK FOR FRAUDLENT LINKS

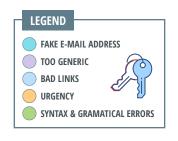
POOR GRAMMAR

Symptoms Common symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathig difficulties. I

Regards,
Dr. Sheng Hsing
Specialist wuhan-virus-advisory







20 SECONDS TO BETTER EMAIL HYGIENE

- WATCH FOR OVERLY GENERIC CONTENT AND GREETINGS
 Cyber criminals will send a large batch of emails. Look for examples like "Dear valued customer."
- **EXAMINE THE ENTIRE FROM EMAIL ADDRESS**The first part of the email address may be legitimate but the last part might be off by letter or may include a number in the usual domain.
- 1 LOOK FOR URGENCY OR DEMANDING ACTIONS
 "You've won! Click here to redeem prize," or
 "We have your browser history pay now or
 we are telling your boss."
- 4 CAREFULLY CHECK ALL LINKS

 Mouse over the link and see if the destination matches where the email implies you will be taken.

NOTICE MISSPELLINGS, INCORRECT GRAMMAR, & ODD PHRASING

This might be a deliberate attempt to try to bypass spam filters.

- 6 CHECK FOR SECURE WEBSITES

 Any webpage where you enter personal information should have a url with https://. The "s" stands for secure.
- **DON'T CLICK ON ATTACHMENTS RIGHT AWAY**Attachments containing viruses might have an intriguing message encouraging you to open them such as "Here is the Schedule I promised."