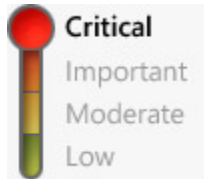


Information Security Advisory (ISO § 6.1.2d,f)

October 31, 2005 – Fake “Verified by Visa” Scam



Systems Affected

Any

Description

An unsolicited email, appearing to come from Visa [vrf-prg@visa.com], attempts to entice you to click on a link in the email to activate a Visa password protection program. The email came from a computer in the United States, but clicking on the link will take you to a Korean site.

Impact

The hostile Korean web site has been taken down. The intent was to harvest password credentials that you would use to protect your credit card during online purchases, potentially resulting in financial loss.

Solution(s)

Do not click on any links in the email – just delete it or forward with full Internet headers to phishing@visa.com.

Ensure that all security patches for your computer, web browser, and email software are applied.

If you did click on links in the email and/or provided login credentials, please disconnect your system from the network immediately and contact the Information Security & Privacy Office for instructions.

Additional Information

Reporting security incidents - Instructions for reporting BGSU information security incidents.

Verified by Visa program – How it works, Visa.com

Sample Visa Email (already reported to Visa) – see next page

Activate Now! - Message (HTML)

File Edit View Insert Format PGP Tools Actions Help

Reply Reply to All Forward Print Attachments Delete Undo Redo

You forwarded this message on 10/31/2005 7:01 AM. Click here to find all related messages. This message was sent with High importance.

From: Verified by Visa [vrf-prg@visa.com] Sent: Sat 10/29/2005 1:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Activate Now!

VERIFIED by VISA


Protect Your Visa Card

Due to numerous fraud operations whit credit cards Visa U.S.A. opens new service that will help you to avoid scam and loss of your funds.

Once your card is activated, your card number will be recognized whenever it's used at participating online stores. A Verified by Visa window will automatically appear and your Visa card issuer will ask for your password. You'll enter your password to verify your identity and complete your purchase.

Simply activate your card and create your personal password. You'll get the added confidence that your Visa card is safe when you shop at participating online store

[click here](#)
Activate Now

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