Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks

**Social Engineering Attacks** involve the use of social skills to trick unsuspecting individuals into divulging information about an organization's computer systems, or other proprietary information.

- Verify the identity of individuals requesting information (whether personal or university related).
- Remember that these attackers can be very convincing. Use due diligence when providing information, personal or otherwise!

**Phishing Attacks** are a form of social engineering that involves the use of emails or malicious websites to solicit information from unsuspecting users.

This information can be personal or work related (e.g. login ID and user password).

- Note that Rutgers IT Services will never request your user information (especially passwords) via email!
- Never click on email links from unfamiliar sources!

Visit the following websites for more information on these topics and other Security Awareness issues.

rbhs.rutgers.edu/ca/infosecurity

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