

We are writing to remind the Lehman community to remain vigilant when browsing and shopping online during the holiday season. Please be aware of some current scams:

- Copycat and fake websites pose as legitimate ones to capture personal and financial information. Newly identified email exploits this season relate to foreign affairs and the recent US presidential election.
- E-cards and unexpected “gifts” from unknown senders can contain links that lead to malware.
- Fake advertisements, coupons or shipping notifications may include infected attachments and/or contain fraudulent links.
- Phishing email messages and fraudulent posts on social networking sites may request support for phony causes or offer deals that are “too good to be true.”
- Security software offered as an unexpected pop-up ad could be from a scammer.
- Don’t be fooled by phishing websites branded as a college campus asking for password information. Never provide your password to anyone by phone or by clicking on an email link.

To avoid such seasonal campaigns that could result in an identity theft, financial loss or a security breach:

- Approach all unsolicited offers and communications with caution.
- Do not follow unsolicited links or download attachments from unknown sources.
- Always compare a link in an email to the link you are actually directed to and determine if it matches and will lead you to a legitimate site.
- View online shopping safety tips by the [National Cyber Security Alliance](#) and the [Federal Trade Commission](#).
- Refer to advisories posted at security.cuny.edu under “CUNY Issued Security Advisories.”

If you believe you are a victim of an online scam or malware campaign, please report it to the Lehman Help Desk and consider the following actions:

- Advise your financial institution immediately of any account information that may have been compromised. Watch for unexplained charges to your account.
- Immediately change any passwords that you might have revealed. If you used the same password for multiple websites make sure to change it for each account, and do not use that same password in the future.

Wishing all a safe and enjoyable holiday season.