



Phishing and Pharming...

What is Phishing and Pharming?

Beware of phishing schemes. Phishing is when you receive an email from a business or organization that you deal with online like a bank for example. Only the email is not really from the bank it's from some con artist that sends you an email asking you to click a link to update your account information (or something similar). The link takes you to a clone of a legitimate page. It looks very much like the actual page but when you type in your personal information, that information is captured by the con artist to use in any number of devious ways.

A legitimate company or organization will never ask you to click a link in an email that takes you to a page for you to type in personal information. If you ever need to update information on a website you should always type in the URL yourself and login to your account with your username and password. NEVER click a link in an email that takes you to a page asking for sensitive information. JUST DON'T DO IT.

One Choice Mortgage policies:

- “Phishing” – we will NOT solicit for personal or sensitive information through emails.
- “Pharming” – we have a Secured Socket Layer website behind a properly configured firewall, and a vigorous antivirus software program to prevent hacked websites that redirect web addresses and “clone” web pages to plant viruses and con users into providing sensitive information.

