

Surf Safe:

Tricks to Recognize Spam Emails



Uses Scare Tactics

- Threatens to delete your account
- Sets an unreasonable timeline - you must reply by tomorrow



Asks for Too Much Information

 No reputable company will ask for your Social Insurance number, birth date, bank account number, or credit card number in an email.



Asks for Money

 Especially money that can't be tracked, like cash or a cashier's cheque



Makes an Offer You Can't Resist

 "You've won our 1,000,000 sweepstakes!"



Feels a Little Off

- Doesn't refer to you by name
- Typos in the text
- Sender address is unfamiliar or has unusual mix of numbers and words

Symantec Study Shows:



64% of emails sent each day around the world are spam.