

# Protecting what's yours

Keeping your personal investment information safe

Cyber criminals are always evolving. Fortunately, there are simple steps you can take to keep your financial information safe.

## Be aware of phishing attempts

- Phishing is the term used for the practice of baiting and luring individuals to unknowingly provide access to their information. Investors should stay informed of how phishing attempts work and how to avoid falling victim to them.
- Be suspicious of links received in email messages. Instead of clicking on links, which can sometimes open the door for cyber criminals, consider typing web addresses and URLs into your web browser.

## Communication and confirmation

- If you are unsure of an email or electronic communication from a financial institution, including your financial advisor, it is worth picking up the phone and calling directly. Verify any information you can verbally.

## Accessing your accounts

- Always access your financial accounts from your home computer or laptop. Avoid using public or shared computers as your information may be stored and accessed later by someone other than you.
- Always apply any system updates to your home computer and devices as soon as they become available. Software providers are continually updating their systems to improve security and via system patches and updates.

## Take action

If you think you may have fallen victim to a phishing or other hacking attempt, take immediate action.

- Change your email account password(s) first
- Change all other online passwords
- Notify your financial advisor via phone call, of the situation
- Consider credit monitoring services to help keep your identify safe.

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