

Phishing Scam Targets Users of QuickBooks Accounting Software

The Better Business Bureau is sounding the alarm about a new email phishing scam targeting users of Intuit's **QuickBooks** accounting software.

Victims receive an email in their inbox with the subject line, "QuickBooks Support: Change Request." The email claims to be a confirmation from Intuit that a business has changed its name and contains a hyperlink that the recipient can click on to cancel the request. However, if email recipients click on the link, it directs them to a site that downloads malware to their device, according to a statement from the Better Business Bureau warning about the scheme. The malware allows criminals to capture passwords and other personal information from a device.

The BBB is advising businesses not to click on such links. They should check the reply email address in such messages and "hover" their cursor over a suspicious-looking link to see where it leads before clicking to make sure it's going to the correct Web domain instead of one with a similar-sounding name. They should also consider how a company normally contacts them and whether this is an unusual request.

Phishing emails can be skillfully constructed to impersonate a company, including using the actual corporate logo. Businesses should have processes in place to make sure employees don't click on links in unexpected emails and know who to ask about what to do before they click.

<http://www.accountingtoday.com/news/better-business-bureau-warns-of-quickbooks-phishing-scam>

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