

## **BEWARE OF SCAMS**

Scammers may contact you claiming to be an official from federal agencies such as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Social Security Administration, or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). We would like to remind you that US Citizenship & Immigration Services, Customs and Border Patrol, the Internal Revenue Service, and any other government organizations will contact you by U.S. mail, never by phone or email. They will also not ask for your personal information, threaten arrest/deportation, or ask for payments or fees (especially in the form of a money order or gift card.)

### Typical characteristics:

- The person on the phone is aggressive; sometimes states they are from immigration or the IRS.
- They state false information, such
- They want you to act quickly, and tell you to stay on the phone with them.
- They demand money often thousands of dollars
- They may threaten you
- The caller may know your school, phone number, address, and other personal information

### Gather information:

- What day and time did they call you?
- Who did they say they were? (Who were they representing?)
- What exactly did they say? (What ~~64 (00) 511-ERFx~~ did they say?)

### Phishing Emails:

Phishing is the number one starting point for online attackers wishing to conduct malicious activity. They are a frequent occurrence at many organizations, including ODU. At first glance, phishing emails may appear to be from legitimate sources.

They may ask for your login ID and password