

Phishing Scam

KASRA Members:

The email pasted below is the sort of phishing scam that is now being sent around during the Christmas season. During this season, you often come to expect that some of your friends and relatives could be sending you eGreetings. (Emails with a link to another site where greeting cards are available) Since this is the case, you could become more vulnerable to the greeting card scam because of your expectations.

If you click on this scamming email, you could inadvertently install software containing malware (malicious software) on your machine. The current generation of malware making its way around the Internet is not benign software containing pranks, but could be the result of malicious criminal activity, with the aim of installing programs that look for passwords and financial information, and further making your computer part of a large scale "bot-net", which is used to relay spam and other potential criminal activity using your computer.

Genuine greeting cards should **always** tell you exactly who sent the email greeting to you. Further, the email greeting card should never be sent by "A friend" or "A relative" or any other generic phrase such as that. This is to advise you to be wary and thoughtful, and to be diligent in your screening of this type of email.. There is no reason to stop using eGreetings, Holidaycards, Americangreetings, BlueMountainArts or other greeting card providers. There is reason to pay attention and when in doubt, do not click on the link to the suspect greeting card site. Instead, email the sender asking whether they did indeed send you the greeting card link. .

**Example of an unsolicited greeting card:
Delete and do not click on the link!!**

Dear friend,

A dear friend has sent you an ecard from <http://www.xxxxxx.com>
Your ecard will be available with us for the next 30 days. If you wish to keep the ecard longer, you may save it on your computer or take a print.

To view your ecard, [CLICK HERE](#)

Your ecard number is
PZ19495693635247
Best wishes,
<http://www.xxxxxx.com>

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