

Text Scams



What is a Text Scam or Smishing?

Smishing is a form of phishing that uses text messages to deceive people into disclosing personal information such as passwords, credit card numbers, or log in credentials.

Text message scams can often look like account security alerts, prize or gift notifications, tax or debt collection scams, or fake delivery notifications.

Ways to stay safe from text message scams:

- Don't Trust Unsolicited Messages
- Verify the Source
- Avoid Clicking on Links or Attachments
- Enable Two-Factor Authentication
- Report Suspicious Messages

For more information visit:
<https://it.uic.edu/news-stories/security-alert-sms-phishing-attempt-smishing>