

open any e-mail attachments that end with: .exe, .scr, .bat, .com, or other executable files you do not recognize.



ever click embedded links in messages without hovering your mouse over them without hovering your mouse over them first to check the URL.



DONOT "unsubscribe" – it is easier to delete the e-mail than to deal with the security risks.



DONOT respond or reply to spam in any way. Use the delete button.







check the e-mail 'From' field to validate the sender. This 'From' address may be spoofed.





ALWAYS check for so-called 'double-extended' scam attachments. A text file named 'safe txt' is safe, but a file called 'safe.txt.exe' is not.



note that www.microsoft.com and www.support.microsoft.software.com are two different domains. (and only the first is real)

