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Phishing attacks are responsible for over 80% of all reported incidents, making them the most dangerous method of cyber-attack. Everyone is a target, from individuals to the largest global organisations.

The most common red flags to watch out for:

- Sense of urgency
- Requests for payment
- Prompts to click on a link

Try to avoid:

1. Posting certain information on social media – this can give cybercriminals the details needed to launch a tailored phishing attack
2. Acting without thinking – this is exactly what cybercriminals want, always read an email properly before you reply or click on any links
3. Falling for things that sound too good to be true – this is a common tactic, remember to research the validity of certain claims first
4. Being caught out by spoofed domains – if you're suspicious about something, compare the domain or sender's address to a communication you know to be legitimate, and watch out for any spelling mistakes or missing/additional letters!