

Social engineering

What:

An attack that takes advantage of *human vulnerability* – often playing on the victim's emotions

Why:

Tricking targets into handing over account credentials, personal information, company data or even direct payments

Attacks often try to appeal to:

- Fear
- Curiosity
- Greed
- Sympathy

Best practices for prevention:



Slow down

Assess the content carefully before reacting



Ask questions first

Analyse the details of the message before anything else



Always navigate manually

Avoid links and visit websites independently if needed



Beware of hackers

Reach out to the sender to verify their identity/message



Is it too good to be true?

If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is