

Scam Warning - Fake Facebook Account Cancellation Request

Scammers know how much you value your Facebook account and they're trying to take advantage of that fact. Fraudulent emails are now circulating, seemingly from Facebook, that say Facebook has received an account cancellation request. Recipients are asked to either confirm or cancel this request by following a link.



If you receive an email like this, do NOT click on the link. Although the link appears to be official because it goes to a facebook.com address, it actually links to a third-party application just running on the Facebook platform. When recipients click on the link, they're asked to allow an application to run. When the "run" button is clicked, recipients are then asked to download the new version of Adobe Flash. In reality, the file that downloads is not the latest version of Flash, but code allowing hackers to spy on activities and take control of computers.

Here are some other tips to help you stay safe online:

- Always run antivirus software and be sure to keep the virus definitions up to date.
- Apply operating system and software updates as they're released. Just make sure you download the updates from trusted sources and not random email links.
- Try to avoid clicking links within emails if possible. Instead, type the URL directly into your browser web address bar.

FYI—If you ever do decide to deactivate your Facebook account, you will receive an email from Facebook that simply confirms that the deactivation has been completed.