

## URGENT COT Security Alert – Webmail Phishing Email

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A phishing email which has arrived in state email inboxes has been reported to the COT Security Administration Branch. The phishing email requests users to send personal information such as your username and password in order to prevent the termination of your email account.

***There have been instances where users have responded to this request. The release of this account information has serious implications. It allows the scammer to have access to your account as well as the state network. This has also caused an extreme burden on the state email system and has the potential to crash email servers.***

***Anyone that has responded to any of these requests should immediately change their password and contact the Commonwealth Service Desk at (502)564-7576.***

You will ***never*** receive an email requesting this kind of information from COT or your administrator under any circumstances.

For information on 'phishing', see the November 2008 Newsletter found here:  
<http://technology.ky.gov/security/CyberAwareness.htm>.

NOTICE: COT is providing this information so that you are aware of the latest security threats, vulnerabilities, software patches, etc. You should consult with your network administrator or other technical resources to ensure that the appropriate actions for these alerts are followed. If you are a network administrator and need additional information, please call the Help Desk at 502.564.7576.

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