Princeton University
Department of Public Safety
Campus Safety Alert
This notice is to advise you of an incident that concerns the University community

Date: Monday January 21, 2008
Incident: E-mail Scam

The Office of Information Technology and the Department of Public Safety are alerting the campus community of an e-mail phishing scam targeting Princeton University community members. Some members of the community have received an email with the subject line, “Verify Your Princeton Webmail Account” purportedly sent from “Princeton Webmail Support.”

The message states the following: 
"Dear Princeton.edu User, to complete your Account Verification process, you are to reply this message and enter your password in the space provided (********), you are required to do this before the next 48hrs of receipt of this e-mail, or your Webmail Account will be de-activated and erased from our data base."

This is a scam, and the e-mail is NOT from Princeton Webmail OR anyone from Princeton.

Do not respond to this email and delete it from your email.

Anyone who responded with a password should change their password immediately, using the P-Synch facility (<http://www.princeton.edu/psynch>). If you need any help, please contact OIT Help Desk (258-HELP). The OIT phone room is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There is no need to contact Public Safety unless you entered personal information on this website link.

Campus members should remain alert and not respond to any such e-mail received in the future.

The Department of Public Safety asks all community members to review the information on Identity Theft on the Federal Trade Commission web site at: <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/> including:

- Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you've initiated the contact or are sure you know with whom you are dealing.
- Before sharing personal information, confirm that you are dealing with a legitimate organization.
- If you believe you’ve been a victim of Identity Theft, contact the Department of Public Safety or your local police agency.
- Feel free to contact the Department of Public Safety at extension 8-1000 if you have any concerns about your safety and security.

*The Federal Clery Act requires that universities with a campus public safety agency must, in a manner that is timely and will aid in the prevention of similar crimes, report to the campus community crimes that fall into certain categories and that are considered by the university to represent a continuing threat to the campus.*
The Department of Public Safety refers to these notices as "Campus Safety Alerts." This Campus Safety Alert is issued according to this requirement.