

FRAUD ALERT

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TIPS TO AVOID FRAUD

Spot imposters

Ask others in your
organization for
verification

Don't pay right away

Triple check email
addresses

Ask questions before
acting

NON-PROFIT EMAIL SCAM

The methods employed by scammers are constantly evolving. When one scam is found, it's certain another will take its place.

This time, scammers are targeting local non-profits. A treasurer of a local organization recently received an email requesting payment for "equipment." The email appeared to come from the organization's president, but a closer examination revealed the email address had been duplicated and **DID NOT** come from the indicated sender.

This appears to be a new twist on an old scam; this attempt specifically targets non-profits. Most non-profits and organizations have a public website which lists the email address of each of its officers.

Scammers will then use those email addresses to target other members within the organization. The emails appear to originate overseas and are targeting non-profits nationwide.

Remember to verify before taking action, especially when the transaction involves unusual payments or requests.