

HOW TO RECOGNIZE SPOOFING



Figure shows spoof letter in the Outlook Express Preview window:

You've probably seen strange *EMAILS* inviting you

to enter or update certain key financial info, and instantly recognized them as spoofing – ie. fraud. Maybe not? I suggest that **BEFORE** clicking on any suspect link and preferably **BEFORE** opening it, evaluate the **LINK** that the email wants you to follow! Stay in the normal preview mode as shown, and...

STEP ONE

Place your mouse **OVER** the link they want you to click. **Don't click on it!** Hover over the link...

STEP TWO

Look at the **lower extreme left corner** of the outlook express window for the **http address**.

STEP THREE

Verify that the address shown is a [wellsfargo.com](http://www.wellsfargo.com) web address or test as per below.* Different addresses would *not* be valid. Note in this case a **NUMERIC ADDRESS** appears. *This strange address is definitely is NOT A WELLS FARGO WEB ADDRESS!!*

TIP: Merely having wells Fargo *in* the address does *not* count!

STEP FOUR

Forward the spoofing letter to abuse@yourisp-etc.com etc. (Example abuse@verizon.net). and optionally to the financial institution involved (Example: spoofing@ebay.com). Mark as Spam if available, then **DELETE** the bogus email. Remember that Banks will never send you an email asking for PIN #s or account #s. If in doubt call your Bank etc.

ADVANCED USERS

You can use official “lookup services” to validate/expose fraud attempts!

Go to → <http://www.networksolutions.com/whois/index.jsp>

Next, type just the **47655909852.com** (substitute your suspect domain address for this example) in the space provided and click the green **SEARCH** button.

Our example **suspect site: 47655909852.com** is a [tucows.com](http://www.tucows.com) hosted site, with no recognizable owner. Not good!! Probably designed to bounce signals to the Ukraine or Russia etc.... No Wells Fargo ownership proves this is a **BOGUS** site - Banks do their **OWN HOSTING**...

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