



Public Service Announcement

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FRAUDULENT E-MAIL PURPORTEDLY FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (FDIC)

The IC3 has received complaints concerning a spam e-mail purportedly from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). This scheme was originally unleashed in 2004, but is currently resurfacing. The e-mail claims:

- In cooperation from the Department of Homeland Security and Federal, State, and Local Governments, your account has been denied insurance from the FDIC due to suspected violations of the Patriot Act.
- Recipients are requested to click the link provided, <http://www.fdic.gov/idverify/cgj-bin/index.htm>, to verify their identity.
- Once your identity is validated, all suspensions of insurance on your account will be lifted.
- Failure to complete the identity verification will result in termination of insurance on your account and all records of your account will be sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D.C., for analysis and verification.
- Failure to provide proper identity may also result in a visit from Local, State, or Federal Government or Homeland Security Officials.

Be cautious of e-mails requesting personal and/or financial information. Information related to federal deposit insurance or consumer issues should be submitted to the FDIC using an online form accessed at <http://www2.fdic.gov/starsmail/index.asp>.

If you have received this, or a similar hoax, please file a complaint at www.IC3.gov.