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Privacy Awareness Week

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Tips of the day

Be careful what you write in emails. Your government work emails can potentially be released as a result of freedom of information applications. You also cannot control who will forward your emails once you send them. An email 'chat' might feel like a phone conversation, but your words can be captured forever and potentially shown to anyone. If you would not want the contents of an email shown to others, consider using an alternative form of communication

If anyone ever asks you to send them an email with your username and password, you should not do so. No legitimate organisation will ever ask for this kind of information by email. Similarly, if a 'bank' or other organisation ever sends you an email asking you to click a link and verify your account information, you should not do so, even if the website it takes you to looks exactly like your bank's website. It is a fake website. No legitimate banking institution will ever ask you to perform random verifications like this.