

*George Mason University's  
Information Technology  
Security Office  
wants you to have  
Happy  
and cyber safe  
Holidays*



Dear Mason Patriots,

While you are online during this holiday season, don't allow criminals to take the happy out of your holidays. Here are tips to help you:

- Beware of emails seeking to verify purchases, personal information, or confidential information.
- Do not click on suspicious links or open suspicious attachments in emails, tweets or online advertisements.
- Forward emails with suspected phishing attempts to the ITS Support Center at [support@gmu.edu](mailto:support@gmu.edu).
- At home, delete suspicious emails from your inbox and the deleted items folder.
- Be wary of animated online holiday cards. Some have malware to infect computers.
- When shopping online, make sure the site you are visiting is legitimate. Misspellings can redirect you to fake Web sites.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Install antivirus software on all new computers or mobile devices.

Get more information at the ITSO web site: [itsecurity.gmu.edu](http://itsecurity.gmu.edu).