

Advisory

Income tax refund fraud is targeting Bank customers

- Reports say that cyber criminals are sending suspicious messages asking users to submit an application for disbursement of income tax refund. These messages contain a link which redirects users to a webpage that looks similar to income tax e-filing website.
- This fraudulent campaign reportedly collect personal as well as banking information from the users and clicking such malicious links would result in financial loss for the user.
- The victims are also asked to download a third-party untrusted application.
- The link asks users to fill details like Full name, Pan Card number, Aadhar number, Address, Pincode, date of birth, mobile number, email address as well as Banking information like Account number, IFSC Code, Card number, CVV, ATM PIN, etc.



Tips to stay safe from fraudulent phishing attempts:

Never share your sensitive details like Debit/ Credit Card number, CVV, OTP, Date of Birth, Bank account number, etc with anyone. Keep in mind that government authorities would never ask you to share your OTP of your account.

Always follow genuine URLs only and do not follow links in SMS/ Emails, etc.

Do not download untrusted third party software/ application on your device. This enables fraudsters to track your sensitive data and thus results in loss of money.