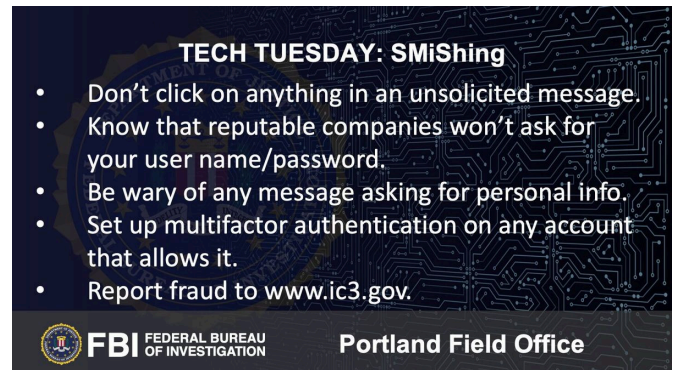


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Here's how to protect yourself:

Be wary of any message that asks for personal information.

Know that reputable companies generally don't contact you to ask for your username or password.

Don't click on anything in an unsolicited message. When in doubt, look up the company's phone number or web address yourself and ask about the inquiry. Do not use any links or phone numbers provided in the suspicious text.

Set up multi-factor authentication on any account that allows it.

Be careful with what information you share online or on social media. When you post about your pet's name, schools you attended, family members, and your birthday, you can give a scammer all the information he needs to guess your password or answer your security questions.

If you are the victim of an online fraud, you should report the incident to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov or call your FBI local office.