



## Beware of Suspicious E-mail Attachments

**E-mail attachments** are a common source of **VIRUSES/MALWARE**. Attackers typically send these email attachments and provide email content that is sufficiently convincing to get the user to believe it is legitimate communication (**e.g.** subjects as “**swift**”, “**Transfer**”, “**Urgent**”, “**Top Priority**”, “**RBI**”, and “**IMF**”, “**Central Bank**” etc.). Attackers can attach files to email that can install malware capable of destroying data and stealing information.



**DON'T** open any e-mail attachments that end with .exe, .src, .bat, .com or other executable files that you do not recognize.



**DON'T** ever click embedded links in messages without hovering your mouse over them.



**DON'T** “unsubscribe”- It is easier to delete the e-mail than to deal with security risks



**DON'T** respond or reply to spam in any way. Use the delete button.



**ALWAYS** make sure that all your attachments are scanned by your antivirus program before you open them.



**ALWAYS** check the e-mail ‘From’ field to validate the sender. This ‘From’ address may be spoofed.



**ALWAYS** check for so-called ‘double extended’ scam attachments. A text file named ‘safe.txt’ is safe, but a file called ‘safe.txt.exe’ is not



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