

### **FDIC reports fraudulent e-mails (posted 9/20/06)**

E-mails fraudulently claiming to be from the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) are attempting to trick recipients into installing unknown software on personal computers. These e-mails falsely indicate that recipients should install software that was developed by the FDIC and other agencies. The software may be a form of spyware or malicious code and may collect personal or confidential information.

The subject line of the e-mail includes the phrase "Urgent Notification-Security Reminder." The e-mail requests that recipients click on a hyperlink that appears to be related to the FDIC, which directs recipients to an unknown executable file to be downloaded. While the FDIC is working with the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team to determine the exact effects of the executable file, recipients should consider the intent of the software as a malicious attempt to collect personal or confidential information, some of which may be used to gain unauthorized access to on-line banking services or to conduct identity theft.

The FDIC is attempting to identify the source of the e-mails and disrupt the transmission. Until this is achieved, consumers are asked to report any similar attempts to obtain this information to the FDIC by sending information to [alert@fdic.gov](mailto:alert@fdic.gov)

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