

# Lorentz Institute For Theoretical Physics

## Beware of Phishing Emails

A phishing email is an email that **looks like originating from a reputable institution** and that usually contains a request to click on a link to confirm/modify etc.. one's credentials. In fact this link will **bring you to a malicious website** that will **steal your credentials** while you naively insert them.

## Tips to Avoid Phishing Scams

Always *be very suspicious* of any emails you receive from trusted entities like the university, your bank etc...

Do NOT click on any links given via email

If you really think the email is legitimate, *do NOT click* on the link but rather write yourself the link URL in the address bar of your browser. And while you do so, be aware that a deceptive malicious URL might be `leidneunv.nl' instead of the correct one `leidenuniv.nl'.

Serious institutions (including ours) will *never ask you for your credentials*.

Look out for common phishing language in your emails, e.g. verify your account, confirm your password, etc...

Whenever you insert any credentials in your browser, *always use https* and always check the information of the SSL certificate by clicking on the padlock at the beginning of the URL.

Change your credentials on a regular basis. On our workstations you can do so using the command `passwd'

Contact [us](#) if in doubt

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