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## FDIC Issues Warning About Fraudulent E-mails

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The FDIC has received complaints from consumers who received an e-mail that appears to have been sent by the FDIC. The e-mail is purportedly from security at [fdic.com](http://fdic.com) and the subject is fraud report. The e-mail informs recipients that their bank account has been temporarily closed because of fraudulent activity. The e-mail directs the recipient to review the contents of an embedded attached file for details related to the fraudulent activity as well as for information on how to contact the FDIC.

The e-mail was not sent by the FDIC and may be a fraudulent attempt to implant a computer virus onto the recipient's computer or to obtain personal information from consumers. Financial institutions and consumers should not access the link or attached files provided within the body of the e-mail and should not under any circumstances provide any personal information to unknown sources.



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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