SAFETY TIPS AHEAD OF THE TAX SEASON



Have a heightened awareness.
As we approach the start of tax season, you will get a tempting email, SMS or phone call pretending to come from SARS.

Let go of the belief that it will not happen to you. Cybercriminals do not discriminate. You are special and they will target you.

Use a strong password.
In 2022, the word password was the most used password, followed by 123456.
You are better than this.

Adopt a level of scepticism. If it's too good to be true, it's probably a scam. Even warning mails trying to scare you, be weary of anything trying to invoke a response and make you behave irrational.

Enable Multifactor Authentication (MFA) wherever it is supported. This is not negotiable.

Most importantly, educate your parents and older people in your community and family. They will get the same malicious emails, SMS messages, WhatsApp's, or phone calls, how will they respond?

Do not click on any links or open any attachments. In most cases, criminals only need you to click on a link or open a file. You are not Nike, don't do it. Only do your tax submission (and other sensitive transactions) from a trusted computer and over a secure network. Avoid internet cafes and public computers at libraries. Also avoid free Wi-Fi at airports, coffee shops, or hotels.

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