

City of Reading & County of Berks – Community Statement

Fraudulent Email Efforts Targeting Berks Businesses

Reading, PA — The County of Berks has become aware of fraudulent email communications directed at local businesses. These communications use some legitimate information, such as employee names, titles and logos, but contain false contact information such as phone numbers and email addresses. These communications appear to be aimed at obtaining financial information.

The County of Berks urges all individuals and organizations to exercise caution when receiving unsolicited emails or phone calls. To help protect yourself, please follow these steps:

- **Verify the email domain:** County of Berks email addresses end with “@berkspa.gov”. The County of Berks does *NOT* use “@berkspa.org” or “@berkspa.com” for any business communications.
- **Check links and URLs:** Ensure all domain names are spelled correctly, and links are safe before clicking.
- **Confirm unexpected communications:** If you suspect an email or message from the County of Berks may be fraudulent, visit <http://www.berkspa.gov/> to find the official contact information for the individual or department. **Do not use contact details provided in the suspicious message.**

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