

Responses to Suspicious Activities

CONSIDER & ASSES

- Unsolicited and recurring, persistent contact
 - Repeated "chance encounters"
 - Unexpected system reboots or odd application behavior
 - Impossible or failed logins or unusual account lockouts
 - Suspicious or unexpected email settings or configurations
 - Unauthorized system access or disclosure of information
 - Suspicious IP addresses and/or foreign URL endings
 - Emails from supposed persons of authority or legitimate companies
 - Emails containing poor grammar, misspellings, and/or generic greetings
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- Quickly developed personal relationships or associations
 - Offers of payment for travel expenses
 - Third party insert into an existing two-way official or social relationship
 - Use of recording devices without approval or unusual absences (to record notes)
 - Attempts to obtain biographic information about yourself or others or inappropriate interest in or observation of you
 - Odd feeling you keep bumping into same person or seeing them in various places
 - Person knows more about you than you do about them
 - Extravagant "wining and dining" or other special treatment
 - Unauthorized data storage or transmission
 - Unauthorized hardware and software modifications
 - Malicious attachments with links to a website that appear legitimate

BEWARE

- Encouragement of minor violations of laws or rules
- Displays of or encouragement to disregard institutional policies
- Sense that someone keeps glancing at your screen or documents
- New or increased abnormalities of smart devices' functions after travel
- Offers of money, prestige, or privileged accesses (to equipment, labs, or information) and other "gifts"
- Appearance at locations (e.g., conferences, lectures, etc.) incompatible with area of expertise or professional occupation
- Requests for updates or validation of personal information
- Last minute changes in plans to or introduction of unknown persons or parties
- Just seems too good to be true...or just not right

REPORT

- Offers of inappropriate or surprising sexual companionship, money, resources
- Mentions of or direct requests for sensitive information
- Possession of information that could be used as blackmail
- Use of ransomware or other cyberattack that demands specific response
- Threats of dire consequence or promises of great reward for you or loved ones