



Tech Info

The Internet is a wild and complex place!
Navigating its rocky terrain can be tricky and often daunting.

Shore Baptist Church congregation contains a number of IT professionals and experienced technical personnel. As such we would like to help you stay connected, stay safe and enjoy the power of today's communication.

Below we will alert you to potential scams, fake emails and anything that we feel might catch you out.

If you see the box above in the newsletter, it means we have discovered a new threat, and this doc will contain some info to help you avoid it.



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SCAM Alert !! Fake email address

A new email scam is circulating which tries to get you to click a link taking you to a fake website - in order to 'confirm' (or supply) some important personal information.

The sending address may look like *Microsoft* - but could be written like this: **rnicrosoft.com** - which in some fonts may look legitimate

Always look closely at the senders address to see if it truly matches the content of the email. If in doubt - DO NOT click any links.



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SCAM Alert !! More fake email addresses

Another email scam is circulating which pretends to be a bank - and might provide links to click in order to access your funds, or verify some 'missing' information.

Note most banks claim they never send you links to their websites - so there's warning #1.

Sending address may have similar looking letters in it - but are not from the normal alphabet. Eg. **kiwibank.co.nz** - instead of **kiwibank.co.nz** (*can you spot the difference ?*)

Again, look closely at the senders address to see if it truly matches the content of the email. If in doubt - DO NOT click any links.

SCAM Alert !! Fake request from André

You may have received one of these already - André warned of them last month on Facebook. An email arrives pretending to be from André; they have his correct name, his photo, sometimes even our physical address, and other important details, looking like an official email.

The email says he is tied up somewhere but needs a *special favour* - it can be anything from rewarding church officers, to donating to cancer patients, often even a gift for you also! But essentially, he wants you to buy some gift cards and send him the bar codes; you will be reimbursed later - so he can "deliver them to the deserving people".

*PLEASE Note, André does not do this. Shore Baptist Church does not do this. If in **any doubt** at all, check online with him! He is always available on Messenger or the Church Centre App.
And any financial transactions at all - are adequately dealt with by our treasurer.*

Also, look closely at the sender's address - it will not be from @shorebaptist.org.nz, or one of André's personal email accounts.