I get 'Critical Security Alert' email from Google

Issue

You receive an email from Google that looks similar to this:

![Google Security Alert Image](image)

Reason

Two possible reasons for this email to show

**Phishing Email**

Be sure you examine the message carefully before clicking on any links.

You can do this by hovering a pointer over the link and it should show where the link will go to in the bottom left corner of your browser.

Example of browser showing where a link goes

![Browser Example Image](image)

In the case for Google, if it does not show `accounts.google.com` like the example above, this should be considered a Phishing Email.

**Actual Google Alert informing you that there was some suspicious activity**

You can check on the suspicious activity by logging onto your Google Account and following the instructions provided by Google - [https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/6063333?hl=en](https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/6063333?hl=en)

**Check for suspicious account activity**

If you’ve received this email, we recommend you review your recent activity:

1. Go to your [Google Account](https://accounts.google.com)
2. On the left navigation panel, click [Security](https://accounts.google.com/)
3. On the [Recent security events panel](https://accounts.google.com/), click [Review security events](https://accounts.google.com/)
4. Review your recent activity and look for unfamiliar locations or devices. You can also click on any event in the list to see more details about it on the right.
5. If you see activity you don’t recognize, on the top of the page click Secure your account.
6. Follow the steps to change your password.

This is the instructions from Google on checking on the alert with regards to your account that triggered the alert.

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