Advisory on Phishing

The Tourism Department would like to inform the public and particularly would be visitors to the Seychelles that a number of actual visitors were victims of phishing. They thought they had booked their holidays through a genuine website, however, upon arrival in Seychelles, they found out that the website was a scam and payments have actually been made to an unrelated foreign account. Phishing is on the increase in a number of industries and the travel industry is just another lucrative target for the cybercriminals.

For more information on phishing and what to do when booking for a holiday online visit this link provided by Kaspersky a provider of security software https://www.kaspersky.com/blog/travel-phishing/27078/

Another source of valuable information on how to avoid travel scams is offered from the Norton website another provider of security software https://us.norton.com/internetsecurity-online-scams-5-tips-to-protect-yourself-from-online-travel-booking-scams.html

An additional way to protect yourself from phishing is to ensure that your computer has an updated antivirus software that offers web-protection including phishing scams. You may also confirm the booking made through a short telephone call and to take note of the country code. (+248)

Tourism establishment operators offering online bookings through their website should ensure that they are up to date with the latest technology available in order to provide their clients an enjoyable holiday and to avoid falling victims of phishing scams.

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