

FINRA Alerts Firms to a Phishing Email Campaign Using Multiple Imposter FINRA Domain Names

Summary

FINRA warns member firms of an ongoing phishing campaign that involves fraudulent emails (see sample in Appendix) purporting to be from FINRA and using one of at least three imposter FINRA domain names:

- ▶ “@finrar-reporting.org”
- ▶ “@Finpro-finrar.org”
- ▶ “@gateway2-finra.org”

The email asks the recipient to click a link to “view request” and provide information to “complete” that request, noting that “late submission may attract penalties.”

FINRA recommends that anyone who clicked on any link or image in the email immediately notify the appropriate individuals in their firm of the incident.

None of these domain names are connected to FINRA and firms should delete all emails originating from any of these domain names.

FINRA reminds firms to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious email prior to responding, opening any attachments or clicking on any embedded links.

FINRA has requested that the relevant Internet domain registrars suspend services for all three domain names.

For more information, firms should review the resources provided on FINRA’s [Cybersecurity Topic Page](#), including the Phishing section of our [Report on Cybersecurity Practices - 2018](#).

Questions regarding this *Notice* should be directed to:

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- ▶ Greg Markovich, Senior Principal Risk Specialist, Member Supervision Specialist Programs, at (312) 899-4604 or Gregory.Markovich@finra.org.

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Notice Type

- ▶ Special Alert

Suggested Routing

- ▶ Legal
- ▶ Legal and Compliance
- ▶ Risk Management
- ▶ Senior Management

Key Topics

- ▶ Cybersecurity
- ▶ Fake FINRA domain name
- ▶ Fraud

Appendix

From: *FINRA staff name* <finra_staff_name@finrar-reporting.org>
 Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:34 AM
 To: recipient <recipient@firm_name.com>
 Subject: *Firm Name*

Note: Other imposter FINRA domain names may appear here

FINRA: NEW REQUEST			View Request [cshtyaujon.com]
File	ID	Date Requested	Requester
202108950000 [cdpn.io]	3099971 [cdpn.io]	08/12/2021	<i>FINRA staff name</i>

Dear recipient,

As a way of introduction, my name is *FINRA staff name* and I work in the area of The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) which is responsible for the regulation of your firm.

In line with a new directive released to all FINRA regulated firms, the following request(s) has been provided for your firm. Kindly follow the information in the letter and complete the request by yourself. Late submission may attract penalties.

Sincerely,

FINRA staff name
 Senior Vice President - Member Supervision
 Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).
 1735 K Street, NW
 Washington, DC 20006
 xxx-xxx-xxxx