The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has received numerous reports of a fraudulent e-mail that has the appearance of being sent from the FDIC.

The e-mail appears to be sent from "accounts@fdic.gov" and includes a subject line that states: "About your business account."

The e-mail is addressed to "Business Customers" and states "We have important information about insurance coverage of your business accounts." It then asks recipients to "Please <u>click here</u> to view details" and includes a hyper link to a Web site.

The e-mail says that it is from "Alyssa Williams, FDIC Insurance."

This e-mail and link are fraudulent. Recipients should consider the intent of this e-mail as an attempt to collect personal or confidential information, or to load malicious software onto end users' computers. Recipients should not click on the link provided.

The FDIC does not issue unsolicited e-mails to consumers or business account holders.