Security Tip the Week

Phishing is not just for email!

Cybercriminals are expanding upon the traditional email phishing campaigns to also target social networks.

Some tips to help protect yourself when using social networks includes:

- 1. Use caution when you click links
- 2. Know what you've posted about yourself
- 3. Don't trust a message is really from who it says it's from
- 4. To avoid giving away email addresses of your friends, do not allow social networking services to scan your email address book
- 5. Type the address of your social networking site directly into your browser or use your personal bookmarks
- 6. Be selective about who you accept as a friend on a social network
- 7. Choose your social network carefully
- 8. Assume everything you put on a social networking site is permanent
- 9. Be careful about installing extras on your site
- 10. Think twice before you use social networking sites at work
- 11. Talk to your kids about social networking

Further information can be found at http://www.microsoft.com/protect/parents/social/socialnet.aspx