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The Connecticut's Department of Revenue Services has recently issued a warning about a phishing scam involving individuals receiving an email from a source portraying themselves as the "State of Connecticut Department Revenue Services.". The email directs recipients to make a payment to them, claiming they did not pay state sales tax after making various purchases from online retailers. The scammers used online retailers such as "Amazon.com" and "Newegg.com."

The scammers portray themselves as the "State of Connecticut Department Revenue Services," using email addresses such as "no-reply@ctdrs.gov" to lure in potential victims. The official State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services use email addresses ending in "@po.state.ct.us."

The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services urges everyone who receives an email with the sender information "no-reply@ctdrs.gov", to not comply with their payment request.

As the crime of online phishing has recently become all too common, the Department of Public Safety is asking the University of Hartford community to be weary of similar, suspicious emails. The Department of Public Safety is also asking the University of Hartford community to follow these online shopping safety tips:

- Use familiar websites – Beware of misspellings and sites using a different top-level domain (a .net instead of a .com). Make sure websites are legitimate by conducting research and reading customer reviews.
- Don't tell all - No online shopping store is going to need your social security number. Be aware of what websites are asking you for.
- Use strong passwords – Ensure that passwords are unique and do not include commonly known information (birthdates, anniversaries, phone numbers, etc.).
- Stay at home – When online shopping, be sure not to use a public computer. This may save passwords or credit card numbers. In the event that you do have to use a public computer, be sure to log out every time, even if you were just checking your email.
- Count the cards – Don't buy gift cards off of websites such as eBay or Craigslist. Online predators like to auction off gift cards with actual no cash value.

Connecticut Department of Revenue Services Warning Bulletin

<http://www.ct.gov/drs/cwp/view.asp?a=1450&q=601322>

If you have any questions about please contact the Department of Public Safety at 860-768-7985

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