

Online Fraud Protection: Best Practices Checklist

General

- Educate users to not share passwords or divulge account or login credential information such as Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) or user IDs to anyone.
- Create passwords that are memorable but would be difficult for others to guess. Do not write them down.
- Do not click links or otherwise respond to requests for information in unsolicited emails.
- Review user activity reports available in online cash management systems throughout the day to ensure appropriate usage.
- Ensure that all computers in your department have the most recent operating system updates and current virus protection software, and exist behind company firewalls.
- Conduct frequent audits of your payment processes.
- Use a dedicated computer not used for web surfing or email to perform online cash management activities.
- Avoid conducting online banking business activities on home computers or at publicly shared locations such as those at hotels, airports, coffee shops, or shared business centers.
- Report any suspicion of viruses or slow computers to the appropriate authority at your company.

Online System Administration

- When employees who have online user access leave, remove the access as part of your exit procedures.
- When employees go on vacation, temporarily disable their online access.
- Remove online services and accounts that are not needed to fulfill job functions from employees' user IDs. This includes limiting access to high-risk functions, including payment transactions and user entitlements.
- Implement dual system administration responsibilities by segregating the setup and verification of user ID maintenance tasks.
- Ask your banks for a payment transaction dual approval process that can't be disabled by your company security administrator(s).
- Set approval limits at the user level, account level, dollar amount level, and/or transaction type.
- Request monthly password updates and use strong password formats (e.g., alphanumeric with length greater than 5 characters).

Payments

- Set up alerts to notify multiple managers of payments initiated above an appropriate threshold amount that warrants management attention.
- Use Universal Payment Identification Code (UPIC) for accounts that you use to collect payments from your trading partners.
- Implement dual approval by segregating duties among employees for template maintenance, payment initiation and payment approval functions.
- Initiate and approve transactions from separate computers to help protect against malware.
- Use a repeat template for high-dollar, repetitive wire transactions to reduce the chance of misrouted funds.
- Use fraud blocking services offered by your banks to protect your accounts from unauthorized debit access.

For More Information

For additional resources and tips, please visit suntrust.com/alert or contact your SunTrust representative. If you suspect you have encountered a fraud attempt on your SunTrust account or accessed SunTrust services from an infected computer, report it by calling 800.447.8994.

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