

# Cybersecurity

## Hoaxes



# Computer Hoaxes

- Not a real threat but acts like one
  - Can seem very real
- Still a waste of time, effort
- Usually come in form of an email
- Pretends to be police, bank, “Federal Justice Division”
- Some hoaxes seek your money
  - Others phishing for login information
- Hoaxes about viruses can waste as much time as a real virus





# Defend Against Hoaxes

- Do not click on links in email
  - Mouseover the URL
  - Go directly to bank website (type it in yourself)
- Verify threat
  - Call if you must
- Check credible sources
  - Snopes
- Spam filters usually detect recurring hoaxes

