



**Warning on email scam
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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold has issued a warning about a new email credit card scam from a so-called "credit union" that tricks people into providing their credit card details.

She said she became aware of the scam when it was sent to a member of her staff via a group email list.

"The email address it comes from is security@CREDITUNION.COOP. There are possibly different variations.

"Once opened the email tells you that your bank account access is limited and you will need to confirm some details before full access is reinstated. There is a link that you can click on which takes you to a form, that requires your name, credit card number, credit card type, such as VISA, expiry date, Personal Identification Number (PIN) and Card Verification Number.

"It is important that you do not fill out these details" says Mrs Penfold. " NEVER give your PIN to anyone. Your bank already has your Card Verification Number and your other personal details so you should never be asked for them".

"If you receive this email delete it immediately." Mrs Penfold said. "There have been a number of these sorts of scams, which are known as 'phishing'.

"The email attaches itself to email address lists and sends itself to everyone on that list." said Mrs Penfold. " Most people would not realise are unwittingly forwarding it on to other people.

"This is another in a long line of scams by criminals who are very difficult to track down."

People can get more information about how to detect email scams from the consumers' website of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission at www.fido.asic.gov.au
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