

# CYBERSECURITY COMMUNICATION

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TO: University Cybersecurity Communication Recipients  
FROM: University Systems  
RE: **Gift Card Scam**

Some UVic faculty and staff have been targeted by a phishing scam where they are asked to purchase iTunes or similar gift cards on behalf of a colleague or to make a payment. After the employee provides the card details to the fraudulent individual, the funds spent are not traceable. Apple has posted a notice about this scam on their website:

<https://support.apple.com/en-ca/itunes-gift-card-scams>.

When speaking with anyone, use contact information that is available through trusted sources such as the UVic directory or official websites. Avoid replying to emails or calling phone numbers that you do not recognize. Visit the University Systems website for best practices to spot and avoid phishing scams and to enrol in Phishing training: <https://uvic.ca/phishing>.

If you have been targeted by this scam, report it to your Desktop Support Services member or the Computer Help Desk at [helpdesk@uvic.ca](mailto:helpdesk@uvic.ca) immediately.



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