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# National prevention campaign: Caution – Phishing!

**Phishing & co. are on the rise! That's why the police have launched their prevention campaign #watchout to draw attention to the most common scams currently involving debit and credit cards.**

Debit and credit cards offer a very secure and popular means of payment; but their widespread use attracts scammers and fraudsters. They try to steal money from their victims using a constant succession of new scams.

Starting today, police are launching their latest national prevention campaign #watchout by card-security.ch, drawing attention to the most commonly used fraud schemes involving debit and credit cards. The campaign focuses on current types of fraud such as phishing, pharming, carding or scamming.

Most card offences can be prevented if cardholders follow a few basic rules.

This is how I protect myself:

- Distrust messages from unknown senders.
- Never click on links, never open attachments.
- Always check the sender's e-mail address and URL.
- Log in only via official websites (not via links).
- Keep your web browser and operating system up to date.
- Never give out your login and card data.
- Use strong passwords and 2FA.
- Activate a notification service to receive a message when payments are made.
- Check your transactions and payments.

Further information on the safe use of debit and credit cards can be found here:

[www.card-security.ch](http://www.card-security.ch) (<http://www.card-security.ch>)

