

# Anatomy of A PayPal Identity Theft Scam - The 7 Warning Signs

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Paypal is becoming the online payment processor of choice for many users. Paypal allows virtually anyone to except credit card payments. Paypal is also a great way to send and receive electronic payments. Unfortunate fame has it's price and in the case of Paypal that means scam artists preying on the Paypal members

The Most common Paypal Scam Involves E-Mail, You will receive an E-mail from Someone claiming to be Paypal requesting you Verify your Information. That is **Warning Sign 1** Paypal will never send you an E-Mail Requesting Your Personal Information

Often this E\_mail will be sent to an E-Mail Address that is not the same one that Paypal has on File. That is **Warning Sign 2**

The **Third Warning Sign** is forged Headers (From Address). This is often hard to detect without knowledge of the Internet. Many Spam filters are now setup to block E-mail that has forged headers. Ask your E-mail provider how you can block Forged Headers.

The **Fourth Warning Sign** is the Greeting says something like Dear Paypal user or Paypal Member. Paypal knows who you are they will use the name you registered with.

The **Fifth Warning Sign** is the threat. The E\_mail will threaten to suspend your account if you don't take immediate action.

The **Sixth Warning Sign** is a Non Secure Page. If you do click on the link in the E-Mail you will not be on a secure Page, No Https in the URL and no little Padlock in the lower left hand corner of your browser.

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