Phishing is a word that sounds just like "fishing ". If you want to catch a fish, you put some bait on a hook and you try to get a fish to bite. Phishing is the same idea, but the person uses a fake e – mail or website instead and tries to get you to fill in your personal information and password. You might get an e – mail that says it's from a bank or a credit card company. They often say something like. "There are some problems with your account and we need you to re – enter your password and your account number right away.