Mobile Money Exercise Sheet

MODULE 2

Exercise 2
Is the link safe to visit?

Estimated duration
10 min

Material
Device with Internet access to clarify doubts
Paper and pen

Instruction

Read the text
Think

We will go through the exercise together to understand why the link is safe or not.

1.Decide, if the link is safe to visit:

Suppose you receive an email from a bank asking you to click on a link like the one below, and submit personal data, such as username, passwords, and credit card details.

http://url5423.eka.de/ls/click?
upn=V1OaWNMSPs2Lb0JqHpnyTLRlk2703ToIFpo2vd2MKt5gB6dYAUvw1B-2FnC6T5iVsCdbcug7l6pkTad-2FBfACSlC-2BKw-3D-3DhmuAs-OaWNMSPs2Lb0JqHpn-asDvdva

Do not hurry, think twice, and decide if this link is safe to visit.

Think about the reasons.

The answer.
This link is **not** secure for a number of reasons:

- It uses http instead of https.
- The domain name is not related to the official name of the bank.
- The link is suspiciously long.
- The domain name of the link is different from the domain name of the sender's email address.
- A real bank will never ask for usernames, passwords or credit card details.