Natural Disaster/Fake Charity Email Scams

It is an unfortunate reality that prominent natural disasters commonly precipitate fake charity scams promoted by email. Such scam emails request donations to fraudulent charitable organizations and may contain links or attachments that direct users to phishing or malware infecting websites.

Please take the following measures to protect yourself and the University:

- Do not follow unsolicited web links or attachments in email messages
- Maintain up-to-date antivirus software
- Verify the legitimacy of the email by contacting the organization directly through a trusted contact number. Trusted contact information can be found on the Better Business Bureau National Charity Report Index at [http://give.org/charity-reviews/national/](http://give.org/charity-reviews/national/)
- Refer to the CUNY/CIS Information Security Phishing Advisory at security.cuny.edu
- Refer to US Computer Emergency Readiness Team Security Tip (ST04-014) on Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks at [https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-014](https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-014)