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Oregon businesses have reported receiving an email from what appears to be the “Oregon Department of Small Business Services Certification Unit” asking the recipient to click a link. Although the email might appear to be from a government agency, it's not. There is no such unit as the “Small Business Services Certification Unit.”

The email appears to come from a valid oregon.gov email address.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [Noreply@sbdo.oregon.gov](mailto:noreply@sbdo.oregon.gov) <noreply@sbdo.oregon.gov>
Date: Fri, May 8, 2020 at 7:57 AM
Subject: Oregon Certification Update
To: <noreply@sbdo.oregon.gov>

You have a message from the Oregon Department of Small Business Services Certification Unit. Please click [here](#) to view the attached document for additional details. Should you have any questions, please contact us at 503-982-9016 or mwbe@sbe.oregon.gov. State of Oregon is committed to providing you with excellent customer service. This commitment extends to routine agency inspections, which are necessary to protect the public's health and safety. The Business Owners Bill of Rights ensures that business owners are provided prompt, efficient and easily accessible services. To view the Business Owners Bill of Rights click [here](#).

But, when hovering over the “here” link the destination is revealed as a non-government location.

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<https://us18.campaign-archive.com/?u=e3477a50e5931651c6147654c&id=291ada3c79>

If you receive an email like this, do not click the link.

Any time you receive something questionable in the mail or email and aren't sure if it's a legitimate government contact, please let us know. The Office of Small Business Assistance can be reached at business.sos@oregon.gov, and the Corporation Division can be reached at 503-986-2200.