

Security Warning – “URLzone” Trojan Horse Virus

There has recently been media attention regarding a Trojan targeting the security and privacy of Internet-based transactions, including those performed by users on their financial institutions' Internet banking websites. The latest banking Trojan is referred to as URLzone. In addition to stealing user credentials from infected machines, it also performs transactions to steal money from the users' bank account. The Trojan was crafted to include several sophisticated features that help attackers avoid detection from anti-fraud systems. To date there have been no reports of the URLzone Trojan targeting any financial institutions in Canada, but that does not mean that attacks may not be initiated in the future.

Our members can be assured that we are vigilant in protecting our network and infrastructure from all types of criminal exploitation, security vulnerabilities, and viruses.

For Internet based banking transactions, however, the individual member plays a significant role in assuring their on-line security.

The best protection against Trojan Horse viruses and any type of security threat is to maintain up-to-date operating systems, anti-virus, spyware and firewall protection on all individual personal computers.

Both McAfee and Norton Symantec software protect users against the latest threats, as well as other viruses. Members can purchase and download this software directly from their websites: <http://ca.mcafee.com> <http://www.norton-online.com/ca>

For general information on personal computer protection, visit:
<http://www.microsoft.com/protect/computer/default.msp>

Members are advised not to click on unsolicited web links in e-mails you receive.

If you think your computer may already be infected with a virus, ensure you have current anti-virus and spyware protection enabled, and seek professional technical assistance if required.

