

The Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID) is warning consumers not to fall for a bogus email solicitation, purporting to be from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

The FDIC reports that it has received a large number of complaints about a phony email that looks like it's from the FDIC. The subject line of the email reads "check your Bank Deposit Insurance Coverage" and advises recipients that they are receiving the email because their bank has failed and the FDIC has taken over their bank assets. In the email, consumers are asked to go – via a fraudulent web link - to a supposedly "official" FDIC website and provide personal information. The aim of the email is to obtain confidential information that may be used to inappropriately access online bank accounts or to steal consumers' identities.

*"This is definitely a scam," said FID Commissioner George Burns. "The email and the web link associated with it are fraudulent, and consumers should not respond to it."*

If you receive this email, do not respond to it and file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at <http://www.ic3.gov>.

The Financial Institutions Division is the regulator for all Nevada state-chartered depository institutions including banks, credit unions, thrifts, etc., supervising over 35 of these state financial institutions. For more information about the Financial Institutions Division, visit <http://fid.state.nv.us/>.

For the FDIC's consumer alert, go to <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/alerts/>.