Credit Card Scam Likely to Spread

August 1, 2014 - A credit card scam that is being used in northeast Kansas has few barriers to entry, is simple to implement and is likely to spread rapidly around the country.

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The scam works like this. Victims receive an automated phone call which tells them that their credit card has been temporarily deactivated. Victims are then told that they can reactivate the card by entering their credit card number using the touch tone key pad on their phone. They are also asked to provide additional information including the card's PIN number and security code. In some cases, victims are also asked to enter their social security number.

This type of call may be impossible for law enforcement to trace or put a stop to. Many of the calls are likely to originate outside of the United States, placing the criminals outside the jurisdiction of US law enforcement.

Anyone receiving this type of call is urged to hang up without entering any of the information requested. Anyone who is concerned that the call was legitimate should call their credit card issuer using the phone number printed on the back of the credit card.

Anyone who believes they may have been victimized in this scam should immediately contact their bank and have a new card issued. It is also a good idea to have the bank review all recent purchases on the card. Any purchases which are not recognized should be disputed immediately and a police report should also be filed
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