

A message to all suppliers from DTE:

DTE wants to alert you about a current fraud scam targeting businesses. Thieves posing as representatives of DTE are issuing fraudulent purchase orders to request and receive goods.

Please carefully ensure all purchase orders from DTE are legitimate so that you avoid being a victim.

This scam operates in the following way:

A scammer who is not from DTE contacts a business posing as a representative of DTE. This bad actor requests a substantial amount of goods and provides a fake purchase order that resembles a DTE purchase order.

In some cases, the thieves request the goods be delivered to an address not affiliated with DTE.

After shipping the items, the business does not receive payment and is unable to retrieve the shipped products.

How to know if a purchase order/request is fraudulent:

- Incorrect domain name used to send emails and purchase orders - A valid DTE email **address always ends with "dteenergy.com."** Hover over the email address to reveal the actual email address of the sender. If the actual email **address doesn't match the** email address shown in the email, take the time to investigate before processing the purchase order.
- The delivery address is not a DTE facility – DTE has facilities in Michigan and several other states. If you cannot verify the delivery address, please contact your DTE Buyer to confirm the request is legitimate.
- **It's a large quantity order from a new customer** – Verify all orders from new customers, especially those requesting rush shipment.

How to verify an order is legitimate:

- DTE creates supplier codes for all suppliers of goods and services before we request merchandise. Do you have a DTE supplier code? Is that supplier code on your Purchase Order?
- If you have questions or concerns about a purchase order, please contact your DTE buyer to verify the purchase order.
- Do not attempt to call phone numbers or emails or click on links listed on communication that you suspect may be fraudulent.

What DTE is doing to address this issue:

- Investigating all known fraudulent activities and supplying details to law enforcement.
- Ensuring our entire Supply Chain is aware of this issue and that all deliveries are carefully verified.
- Posting this information on our web site to increase awareness among all potential and existing suppliers.

Please contact your DTE buyer with questions or concerns.