Types of Fraud

Mishing Method used by fraudsters to obtain secure cardholder information by

sending text messages to a cardholder's cell phone. Also referred to as

"SMiShing".

Pharming Term referring to fraudulent attempts on the part of attackers to redirect a

Web site's traffic to a bogus Web site. Victims end up at the bogus site

without any visible indicator of discrepancy.

Phishing Term referring to e-mails sent to cardholders to trick them into providing

personal information that is then used by fraudsters to perform fraudulent

transactions.

Skimming Method used by fraudsters to obtain the secure information on a card's

magnetic stripe.

Social Engineering Method fraudsters use to obtain secure data or information. They attempt

to gain the information by either pretending to be someone they are not, or

may appeal to someone's sympathy to trick them into divulging

information.

Spear Phishing Term used for Phishing e-mail fraud attempts that target a specific

audience, perhaps even specific cardholders.

Vishing Term referring to the attempt to gain personal cardholder information by

calling the cardholder and tricking them into providing personal information which is used to perform fraudulent transactions.