**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** 26 October 2026 14:01
**To:** [redacted]
**Subject:** FW: Critical security issue affecting PHP

Dear all

Following the announcement last week regarding PHP security issues affecting many websites, we have received the email below from our web provider regarding critical security issues and patchwork required to protect our site.

The work is £90 per hour and is estimated to take 4-8 hours to complete.

I guess we have no option but we could be looking at a cost of £720.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** 26 October 2026 13:37

**To:** [redacted]
**Cc:** [redacted]
**Subject:** Re: Critical security issue affecting PHP

Hi [redacted]

I can confirm your website is not affected by this issue, as we haven't run php for an exceptionally long time now.

However we are about to contact clients like yourself that are on CMS version 7 as we want to upgrade everyone to the latest version 8, with all the latest security updates.

This is because the recent PHP vulnerability has shifted the way in which suppliers and interlinked service providers are operating. In the past if a security flaw was exploited it was often left to you to resolve, whereas now the Hosting providers are switching sites off if they even spot the potential for a vulnerability. Which is clearly more secure, however the time and ability to respond and implement the fix is taken out of your control.

So this CMS update allows us to get ahead of any other potential vulnerabilities that are highlighted and enables us to respond before or as speedily as is possible - due to the change to how providers are enforcing compliance. We are also part way through implementing an automated migration process to streamline these updates in the future.

There is some work involved in this CMS version upgrade, but I hope you can appreciate the reasons for this update ( to implement the upgrade, and update the templates and site functionality should take approximately 4 - 8 hours to implement ( @ £90 per hour ).

Can you please confirm that we are okay to get the upgrade underway, and if you have any questions or to discuss further let me know ?

Many thanks

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www.duodesign.co.uk
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[redacted]
Mon-Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm

On 26 Oct 2026, at 12:20, [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

Following the announcement last week regarding PHP security issues affecting many websites, would it be possible please to advise please if any relevant security updates need to be applied to our website?

Thank you

Kind regards

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]>
**Sent:** 26 October 2026 09:46
**Subject:** Critical security issue affecting PHP

Good Morning

Many of you may have seen an announcement last week regarding a PHP security issue affecting many websites.

Following advice from our own IT support it is recommended that you **check with your own website host** that all potential vulnerabilities in relation to this have been investigated and any relevant security updates applied.

Further details can be found on this link. Critical security issue affecting PHP | National Cyber Security Centre

Many thanks

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