

Cybercrime on Facebook & Myspace

Minimising the risk of identity fraud

Did you know that when setting up a Myspace or Facebook profile that you are often providing enough information for a criminal to steal your identity?

When you meet a stranger in the street you normally don't tell them your full name, date of birth, address, names of family members and/or pets and lots of other personal details.

Yet you can divulge this information on such websites and thus provide this information to several million complete strangers.

It doesn't require a lot of information to steal your identity, sometimes just the basics, and we can unwittingly provide the basics and lots more on these sites!

Some messages sent via these sites can contain trojan viruses or malware that then allows cyber-criminals to access lots of personal details you store on your computer possibly including your banking details.

Best advice? The best advice is to make yourself aware of the privacy levels that sites such as Myspace allow its members to use....and use them.

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