Cyber Byte

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Doxxing - a deliberate process where a cyber-criminal maliciously posts personally identifiable information, about someone, online without consent.

Doxxing often includes the targeted publication of personal identifying information and could include a works address, home address, email address, phone number including regular places the victim visits. Victims can be any age.

The Doxxing can also include deliberate false or misinformation and commonly posted with intent to harass, publicly shame or threaten the victim.



Once personal information is exposed victims may receive additional threatening messages, experience cyberstalking or harassment such as cyberbullying, trolling and malicious communications, from other individuals online, invading their privacy and posing significant risks to their safety and personal wellbeing.

The criminals behind this use many methods to glean information. One method, commonly referred to as “Packet Sniffing”, is where they search the victims’ internet data to find more information about them, this could include passwords, credit card numbers, bank account information and more.

Police Scotland have created guidance to support you if you, or someone you know has experienced being the victim of Doxxing.

You can access the guidance directly using this link.

The guidance provides more detailed awareness on what Doxxing is, methods to protect yourself from it, actions you can take if you are a victim together with links to our trusted partners supporting guidance.

If you have been a victim of crime, you can report this to Police Scotland on 101, or using our Contact us form, or 999 in an emergency.