

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks

Stay Smart OnLine

Has your eMail account been leaked online? How do you check? And how do you keep up to date with large scale cyber attacks.

In fact there is an Australian Federal government service that can answer these and a lot more questions about your online security.

Go to www.staysmartonline.gov.au

On this site you will see details of the article (31st Aug.) concerning 12.5 million Australian email accounts being leaked online. You will see the severity of the threat and see how to check if your email address has been compromised. It also lists ways to protect yourself for the future and what to do if your identity has been stolen.

There was also the article on 7 Sep. of an email ransomware campaign underway. It includes how the scam works and what to do if you have been attacked.

Other emails claim to have sent an invoice from e-Toll or AusPost, and you merely have to click on the link to 'View the invoice in OneDrive', but in fact you are infecting your computer with malware.

This web site also has an 'Alert service' you can sign up for, to keep you up-to-date with future attacks.

One indication that an email is a scam is that it is not personalised to you.

The second indication is when you don't recognise the sender's email address.

Thirdly, when you haven't dealt with the company claiming to be the sender, hence unsolicited email.

And fourthly, on a desktop computer, when you hover your mouse over any links, they will be to a foreign address, nothing to do with the sender, and may include the word 'sharepoint'.

As always – stay safe and contact us if you are not sure.

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