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Did You Know?

The internet is an amazing collection of information, but there is some knowledge that most people want to keep private. To protect yourself and your family against internet predators wishing to obtain your personal information, it is wise to understand the various ways in which your privacy can be breached.

INTERNET PRIVACY RISKS

Phishing Spam

Internet predators use phony emails and pop-up messages as bait to hook unsuspecting computer users into divulging personal information. Then, they use your personal information to steal your identity.

To protect against phishing spam:

- Be sceptical of urgent email requests for personal or financial information.
- Only email personal or financial information to secure websites that start with <https://>.
- Install anti-virus software on your computer and make sure it remains up to date.

Spyware

When downloading free items on the internet, you also run the risk of downloading software called spyware that tracks your internet usage activity. To combat spyware, install anti-spyware software that protects your computer against these harmful download add-ons.

Cookies

Cookies are placed on your computer every time you visit a website. They store information about your computer preferences and personal details and retrieve it later.

To combat cookies, reconfigure your browser to accept, block or individually approve cookies.

Helpful Hints

Spam, or electronic junk mail, is not only annoying, it is also dangerous for your computer. In fact, many computer viruses are transmitted via email and infect the computer's hard drive once emails are opened.

To reduce the amount of spam that you receive, download an anti-spam software program and keep it up to date.

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