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Guild Wars Account Safety

An Online Games Your Way Guide

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An Online Games Your Way Quote's

“Keeping Your Account Safe is just a Matter of Common Sense”

“Make a Hacker Mad, make a Scammer Sad – Play the game better than them by knowing the games policy's & rules, and there tricks & scams”

About the Author



Hello I'm known as Online Gamer Richie.

I've been playing Guild wars for over four years and gaming in General for as long as I can remember, and have accomplished many things. At the moment I stand at 48 points in my Hall of monuments and plan on hitting 50. I have just 4 more titles and an armor set to get till 50 points.

I'm also the creator of www.online-games-your-way.com. I have played many games including: Guild Wars, World of Warcraft, Lord the Rings Online, Dark Ages of Camelot, Everquest, and many others.

I created this guide to help new and old players alike make there Guild Wars accounts Safe. So they don't fall for Scammers and Hackers tricks.

I hope you enjoy the guide. And I hope it helps you make your account as safe as possible.

Thank you and
As Always
Play The Game Your Way

Introduction

So you thought the Luxon or the Kurzik, maybe even The Great Destroyer was your main enemy guess what you're WRONG!!!! Scammers and hackers are.

They are more evil, and notorious than any BOSS in the game even Shiro's Evilness can't compare to what these people do.

They get into your account, take over, steal your gold, sell your stuff, rob you blind and may even rob your guild.

These Guys are evil to the bone.

Why do they do this?

For Revenge? Possibly

For Fun? Good guess

Because there mean? Most likely.

But mainly because they can make real life cash off your virtual stuff.

These cruddy people can't play the game well enough to go make enough gold to sell to their customers (and often times next victim).

The Scams they pull to Steal your account

In Game Scams:

Some of these may seem silly but people get caught in them all the time.

This List isn't all of them, but this will help you be prepared in Guild Wars to not get scammed by one of these.

The Whisper Scam

Often times you will receive this whisper (private tell)

“Your account has been compromised Please log out and go to www.Ihacksyou.com, You need to do this immediately or your account will be shut down in 1 hour.”

OK, the website they are trying to get you to go too will not be that blatant, but it might be something like NCsofft.org or GWards.net.

Also the name from the whisper will have some funky name like Gwgm Lizy, or Gmbill GW, GWdan, or GMAnn.

Game Masters messages appear in a teal color in the Chat, also You can tell a Gm from other players by the GM tag above there heads.

Another one of these whispers often says you have won something or get to be the first to try out, something but you need to go to some website to receive said item or get a code for it. Guess what? It's another scam. Arena Net themselves will never whisper you about something like that. If you are going to win something they will apply it to your account, have it connected to your arena net account, or put it directly into your bags.

Whispers sending you to any unofficial websites (when you didn't ask for help or advice) should always be reported as spam if you think its a scam. Often times, you will get a Gold Seller whispering you to buy gold from them. Don't fall for this either. Once again, they want you to go to a website. This could be legit or another scam. Best to avoid whispers and chats in the common chat box.

E-Mail Scams

With Email scams, yes they will try to get your account info through e-mails. This is called “Phishing” (Pronounced Fishing). These hackers and scammers will try to do their best to make their email look as close to the real deal as they can. And the site that the email will try to send you to will look very much like the site you think your going too.



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So don't ever click on the link because they can easily disguise the real address with a fake one. One way to see if this is the case, is to point at it with the mouse, then look at the bottom left hand of the screen of your monitor. The address that you are actually being sent to will be there. Some very clever scammers will make this look very attractive and look very similar as well, so double check.

To be safe you should always access your account by typing in the address you know that gets you into the official site. Or contact Arena net by phone if you think something is up. **Don't use the Phone number on the e-mail though.**

E-mail scams will be just like whispers telling you your account is about to be banned, you won something, or been chosen to test out the newest items, or beta test the newest expansion.

Often times its very tempting to just click on the link but don't.

Website scams:

These are the hardest to know about, because you never know if its true are not. Some times these sites will offer you a spot in the beta of a game. If they ask for your account info walk, NO!! RUN!! away from them.

One thing to know the game's OFFICIAL SITES will be the ones to find out where and when you can get a chance at a beta test. If thats even possible, and when and where they will be given out, and how to get them.

One of the biggest mistakes we gamers can make is going to Gold Seller Sites. I must mention right here, right now, not all of these Gold selling sites are scammers and hackers, but there are enough of them that are.

What they like to do is add a key-logger to your computer and when you type in your password, this little program keeps a eye on each keystroke and then send them the information they need to log into your account.

If you need gold get it the right way, there are enough books, guides, and websites (if your interested in this, check out the banners and links at the end of this e-book) that can help you gain gold quickly by playing the game, rather than buying it from someone who may be hacking your account in the future, or who has hacked some other poor player for the gold you are buying.

Account Protection

So How Do I Protect My Account?

Well you could just never play Guild Wars, but we know that's not gonna happen. So there are several practical steps you can do to protect yourself in the game and off the game.

In Game Safety:

First thing is never respond to any of the scammers even if its a whisper. Don't ever go to the site they are trying to get you to go too (Unless you are sure it is legit).

For the gold spammers, the ones that want you to buy the gold they are trying to sell, remind them its against the games policy and that doing so can get your account suspended or banned as well as theirs. Then report them.

Not only do gold spammers hurt the in game economy, but it promotes scamming and hacking.

If you come across a scammer report them immediately, If one tries to tell you that they are a game master report them and then send in a ticket to the actual game masters.

Real Life Game Safety:

This is very important never tell anyone, your dog, your mother, your best friend, or even your gold fish your password or Arena net account name.



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This includes anyone on the game as well, even though they may be trustworthy, they are only human (except Fido and Goldy) they could get scammed and go to one of these scammer sites thinking, "Cool, I can get <your name here> a free rare mini (or what ever they are using to scam people with)" then Fido puts your account info into the site and bam you been hacked. BAD FIDO!!

How about this:

You forgot to feed Goldy for four days and Goldy has gotten mad at you. Goldy then comes up with a crazy idea on how to get out of his gold fish bowl, and logs into your account and deletes everything just to get back at you. This even happens with human friends as well. Well maybe not the getting out of the fish bowl thing.



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I think you get the idea, so never give it out.

The only time you will be asked about your account info by Arena net, is on a official site. Most of those will be to log in and mange your account. There are only three times when you will do this, logging into the game its self, logging into your Arena net account, and possibly over the phone when you need to call Arena net to talk to them in person.

E-mail Safety:

We went over this a little already but its worth saying again.

Hackers and scammers will try to do there best to make there email look as close to the real deal as they can. And the site that the email will try to send you to will look very much like the site you think your going too.

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Web Site Safety:

While most sites will be safe, and fine to go to be careful of ones that want your Guild Wars account Arena net name and passwords and character

names. If the official site doesn't say anything about offering you virtual in-game items or beta keys (these ones they send you will most likely be fake), then the site that is doing so is not likely legit.

Never go to gold selling sites. Some may be legit, but some are looking for a way to get their next victim.

Never put your account information onto a site without being sure its a legit site to do it on.

Computer Safety:

Make sure you

1. Scan your computer using an Anti Virus scanning program.
2. Scan your computer with some Spyware Protection (There are plenty of good free one's out there).
3. Run Spybot - Search and Destroy®. (A free popular download)
4. Run Ad-aware®. (Another free download).

Do the top four at least twice a month, minimum.

5. Play with a firewall on. Yes, this could cause some lag issues but I would rather protect my account and deal with a little lag than to have no lag and get hacked. I like Zone Alarm. (There is a free version of this)

Number 5 should be done all the time when you play. By the way it does have a game mode for it to help reduce some of the lag issues you may have

with other firewalls.

Misc Safety Tips:

Have a Gaming e-mail account:

This should be separate from your other email accounts. This helps secure your account from other people because you will only use it for gaming. And since you won't receive e-mails there you won't get as much scammer spam there.

Your password should be different for each game you play, and have numbers and letters even symbols if it will allow it.

Never use birthdays, names, or any common knowledge about yourself as a password.

If you have a hard time keeping track of all your passwords here few tips to keep them safe.

First off lets go with were not to keep them:

Inside your computer bag.

On your hard drive.

On the refrigerator door.

In your wallet or purse.

On a Sticky on your computer.

OK so where can you keep it ?

Keep your login and password information as individual text files in one folder and update them as needed. Then store them in an encrypted .zip file. If you do this, remember the password, or you'll never get them back!

Keep your login and password folder on a removable USB flash drive.

If you don't want to keep them on the computer or flash drive write them down and place the passwords in a place you will remember, but were others won't find it.



A great idea is to use one character every month as your log in toon, that way, if some how your account is hacked, you can let them know how you know, and they can look and see how you've been logging in. Lets say you have 4 characters. Bill, Suz, Dan, and your favorite Ric. One month you would log in only with Bill. The next month, your character log in would be Suz. Then the next, a different character. Thus, allowing the Guild Wars team to be able to see if someone did get on using a different character log in.

You may even think about making a Log in character that you delete every month to create a new char with a new name.

All of this will save you time, money, and the headache of having to call Arena net.

Hope You enjoyed This Guild Wars account safety e-book

Stay safe.

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Also to Suzan and Joe who were kind kind enough to help me edit this book.

As Always

Play The Game Your Way

Laterz

I Hope you learned a few tricks to keeping your Guild Wars account(s) safe

I said earlier that I would add some resources to help you along, so that's what I am going to do.

First off some Guides

Our Guides

Guild Wars Gold Guide

Guild Wars Miniature Pets

Guild Wars Mission Lists

Guild Wars Title Lists

Guild Wars Vanquishing Lists

Websites

Online games your way – in game site that covers many games and is always changing to help you play your way. You can find plenty of tips , tricks, and walk-through to help you through much of the main parts of **Guild Wars**. Found in the **Guild Wars Tips pages**.

Guild Wars Auctions – a quick useful way to sell in game items for in game gold.

PvX Wiki – A site that has many types of builds including run builds for all types of runs.

Products of use

Guild Helper: Guild Creation Guide – Give Your Guild a fighting chance to Survive. Only 1% of all MMORPG guilds will last over three years. Most will fail within six months. Don't be a statistic.

Game Copy Wizard – Ever buy a new computer, go to Download or play

a game and discover “OMG A SCRATCH” its ruined. Well, not anymore with game copy Wizard you can completely backup any video game using a CD or DVD burner.

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