

World of Warcraft Account Safety

Before we get started a few quick things.

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So you thought the Horde or the Alliance, Maybe even The Lich King was your main enemy guess what Your WRONG!!!! Scammers and hackers are.

They are more evil, and notorious than any BOSS in the game even the Lich King's Evilness cant 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 mostly 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 there 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 isn't all of them but this will help you be prepared In WoW to not get scammed by these ones.

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 be that blatant, but it might be something like battlenet.org or batitle.net.

Also the name from the whisper will have some funky name like blizzaardgmSuzy, or Gmsuzyblizard, Blizzsuzy, or GmSuzzy. No matter what the name is or the spelling you will not receive a whisper in your normal chat box from a Game Master they have there own special box that will pop up.

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 its a scam. Blizzard themselves will never whisper you about something like that. If you gonna win something they will send it to you in the in game mail system.

Whispers sending you to any unofficial websites should always be reported as spam. 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.

These also can come to you in your in game Mail box. Yes same scam but to your mail box these ones are easy to tell because if its from blizzard you will see the blizzard Logo in the box before you open it.

E-Mail Scams

Email scams yes they try to get your account info through e-mails, This is called Phishing (said Fishing). These 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.

So don't ever click on the link because you 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 blizzard 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 mount 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 games OFFICIAL SITES will be the ones to find out were 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 keylogger 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 Do it lightly there are enough books and guides and websites (if your interested in this check out the banners and links at the bottom 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 hacked some poor other player for the gold you are buying.

So How Do I Protect My Account?

Well you could just never play WoW, but we know thats 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 or through the in game mail system. 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 theres. Then report them.

I made a macro specially for them.

This macro is 2 parts so it will take up 2 macro slots.

Part 1

/r TY but no. You may not know this but under the Terms of Use (TOU) Section 11. It clearly states Accordingly, you MAY NOT sell in-game items or currency for "real" money, or exchange those items or currency for value outside of the Game. This also goes

Part2

/r for buying Gold. Under Section 13 it tells you what they can do to your account if you do not follow the TOU This can all be found on <http://www.worldofwarcraft.com/legal/termsofuse.html>.
/r In short Buying/selling gold can get you banned/ Terminated

If you want to past this into your macro copy here and then Ctrl+V in the macro box and there you go. I made this macro as **Polite** as I could while giving them the facts.

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 battle.net account name.



This includes anyone on the game as well, even though they may be trustworthy, they are only human (sept Fido and Goldy) they could get scammed and go to one of these scamer sites thinking, "Cool, I can get <your name here> a free new mount (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 4 days and Goldy has gotten mad at you. Goldy then hops out of his gold fish bowl and logs into your account and deletes everything to get back at you. This even happens with human friends as well.

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

The only time you will be asked about your account info is on a official site and most of those will be to log in and mange your account there are only 3 times when you will do this, logging into the game its self, logging into your battle.net account, and possibly over the phone when you need to call blizzard to talk to them in person.

E-mail Safety:

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

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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 WoW account battle.net name and password. Any Offering you virtual in game Items or beta keys if the official site doesn't say anything about them doing so.

Never go to Gold selling sites, Some may be legit but some are looking for a way to get there 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 a Anti Virus.
2. Scan your computer with some Spyware Protection (A good free one of these is AOL's Spyware Protection).
3. Run Spybot - Search and Destroy®. (Another free popular download)
4. Run Ad-aware®. (A free popular download).
Do the top 4 at least twice a month minimum.

5. Play with a firewall on. Yes this could cause some lag issues but I'd 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.

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 are few tips to keep them safe.

First off let's go with where 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 sheet in a place you will remember but were others won't find it.

The Best way after doing all of this to protect your account is to get a World of Warcraft Authenticator.

There are 2 versions of this one is a key chain, the other is a download on your mobile phone and you can get these from the official blizzard store. Which you can access from the log on screen.

What is a Authenticator?

This basically gives you a ever changing 2nd password that is usable every time you log on. This password is a 6 digit number that changes once every minute. So every time you log on you have a new 2nd password to use.

I suggest everyone get one as it will provide the best security for your account.

All of this will save you time and money. The headache of having to call blizzard,

Stay safe.

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Laterz

I Hope you learned a few tricks to keeping your WoW Account(s) safe

I Said earlier That I would add some resources to help you along. So Thats what I am going to do.

First off some Guides

There are a lot of guides out there, To tell you the truth Im actually working on one myself, Saddly It wasnt done before This Much needed Saftey E-Book was made.

That is ok my guide hopefully will be out sometime in July.

That being said lets get to some Leveling guides, I want to point out some of these sites also offer Gold Farming guides as well that may be important to you if so check out the leveling guide sites as well.

Dugi's World of Warcraft Guide – This is one of the better guides I have found, It has a nice quest to quest system that is great for soloing, but the thing that really pulled this one out of the pack for these guides is the Dungeon Finder guide. This was a nice addition to this guide.

Joanas 1-80 Horde Leveling World Of Warcraft Guide – If your looking for Speed leveling, then this is a guide to check out.

World Of Warcraft Gold Secrets - Get your gold the Right way, I bet you didnt even relize this but you can make a fortune fishing. This guide actually talks about fishing and how to make gold doing it.

Hayden's World Of Warcraft Secret Gold Guide – Another gold guide, this one has some very nice maps to help you while farming.