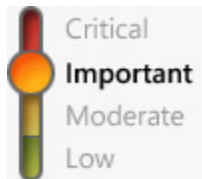


Information Security Advisory (ISO § 6.1.2d,f)

February 21, 2005 - Posting of private information on the Internet



Systems Affected

All

Description

The posting of private and personal information on the Internet is a growing phenomenon, especially among college students. One of the most popular posting sites for students is [thefacebook](#) .

Impact

Posted personal information has been used in unintended ways – such as stealing (if you posted information about favorite things or collectibles, and a schedule of when you are not home), identity theft, applications for phony passports, or stalking.

Solution(s)

Carefully consider the ramifications of posting personal information online - once information has been publicly exposed, it is difficult or impossible to make private again. When you post information, think about how your friends - as well as your enemies – might use the information. Also consider how the information might look to future employers, news reporters, etc.

Additional Information

- [Face Value: EIU students wary of the Facebook's privacy issues - Eastern Illinois University - Journal Gazette & Times-Courier 3/3/2005](#)
- [Cotse.net - Privacy Watch - Cyberstalking](#)
- [Stalking enters cyberspace - The Orion - California State University Chico - 2/16/2005](#)
- [High-tech intruders cnews - CNEWS Tech News - 1/31/2005](#)
- [Don't Get Personal: Protecting Your Privacy During an Internet Job Search - JobWeb](#)