



Doxing: What it is, what information is exposed, and how to respond

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How it works

A perpetrator may combine public records, social profiles, breached databases, domain-registration data, photos, and clues reused across usernames. Social engineering or [account compromise](#) can add private material. Individual pieces may look harmless, but combining them

can identify a person and reveal routines or relationships.

Key points

- Doxing can lead to impersonation, swatting, stalking, phishing, employment harassment, or physical danger.
- Deleting one post may not remove copies, search results, archives, or data shared in private groups.
- The legal definition and available remedies vary by jurisdiction and by the threats involved.

What to do

- Preserve URLs, timestamps, screenshots, and threatening messages before requesting removal.
- Report the material to the platform, search engine, employer, and relevant authorities as appropriate.
- Secure accounts, remove public recovery details, and warn household members about impersonation attempts.
- Contact emergency services immediately when the disclosure includes a credible physical threat.

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