

REDUCING RISK ONLINE

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HOW TO MINIMIZE ATTACKS BY DOXXERS

- 1. Google yourself (see what information about you has leaked and where)1
- 2. If you find a website where someone is actively doxxing you, report it to the platform. Doxxing is against the Terms of Service of just about every web platform²
- 3. Reverse image search yourself to see if people are using images of you and how they are using images of you. Take them down or report them.
- 4. Create an incident log report of each time information about you is leaked (when, where, by whom)³
- 5. If a doxxer is making a credible threat of harm to you or a friend/ family member, report it to the police. Depending on the circumstances, doxxer could be prosecuted for harassment, stalking, or cyberbullying⁴
- 6. Go through this list of data broker sites to opt-out so they no longer store personal information about you. Or use services like Privacy Duck and they will opt you out (there are hundreds of data broker sites)⁵
- 7. Change all of your passwords and add 2-factor authentication⁶
- 8. Monitor for data breaches using Havelbeenpwned⁷
- 9. Change the privacy settings on all social media, if possible. You can always change it back to public.8
- 10. Call your banks and cell phone companies and set up 2-factor authentication and tell them you are a target for doxxing
- 11. Take off personal information from your CV/ resumes on your personal website/ any job search website (e.g. address, phone number, email). You can always put them back⁹
- 12. Use a pseudonym temporarily when signing or publishing pieces while in the midst being doxxed.

¹ https://onlineharassmentfieldmanual.pen.org/protecting-information-from-doxing/

² https://www.wired.com/story/what-do-to-if-you-are-being-doxed

³ https://equalitylabs.medium.com/anti-doxing-guide-for-activists-facing-attacks-from-the-alt-right-ec6c290f543c/

⁴ https://www.criminaldefenselawyer.com/resources/when-your-information-has-been-revealed-online.html#:~:text=If%20the%20doxxer%20is%20 making,%2C%20revenge%20porn%2C%20or%20cyberbullying

⁵ https://www.vice.com/en/article/ne9b3z/how-to-get-off-data-broker-and-people-search-sites-pipl-spokeo

⁶ https://authy.com/what-is-2fa/

⁷ https://haveibeenpwned.com/

⁸ https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/How%20to%20Prevent%20Online%20Harrassment%20From%20Doxxing.pdf

⁹ https://www.poynter.org/reporting-editing/2015/the-dangers-of-journalism-include-getting-doxxed-heres-what-you-can-do-about-it/