HACKERS USING FREE WIFI TO GET INFORMATION FROM YOU

FIND OUT HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF!

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Did you know that hackers can use free wifi you're logged into to get your information? It's so easy for them to get your information because you look on your phone and want free wifi right? What you don't know is that the hacker can get your i.p. Address, phone number, all your passwords, and your personal information such as contacts. They can be hiding in a van outside the mall and you wanting free wifi, connect to the wifi source that the hacker is providing. Hackers came up with this method because when people started getting smartphones and places started providing free wifi, it would be a walk in the park for the hackers.

Hackers can make you auto-connect to a wifi source because if you have wifi turned on, it connects to any wifi source that has no password. What the hackers can do with your information is they can use that to buy items for themselves or even get to know where you live. If a hacker knows where you live, you are a source of personal information for them and they can eat up your information whenever they want. Imagine what a hacker could do with your social security number, they could buy a house and never pay for it and you would be the one on the chopping block.

Let's take a person for example, his name is Donny. Donny is a regular man that does his regular day to day business when he noticed $2,000 missing from his bank account. "I never thought it would be this easy for people to get your information!", said Donny. Donny said that while he was shopping in the mall, he saw a free wifi sign and decided to connect to it. What he didn't know is that a hacker made an identical wifi source except with a stronger signal. Donny only

wanting the best, he connected to the stronger signal and all his information got transfered from his phone to the hacker's host server.

Another person impacted by this is an actual hacker. "It's very easy to get information.", said Harry, "They just connect to the Wi-Fi without thinking, it's so easy" Harry has been a hacker for the government finding weak points in the system and reporting back to the government so they fix it. One day, he decided to try an experiment using free wifi and seeing if people would connect. "I never thought more than 50 people would connect! All of their information at my disposal and they wouldn't notice." said Harry. "The best way to protect yourself is to just wait till you get home and connect to your own wifi." For security reasons, "Harry" was a fake name to protect the person's identity.

Hackers are everywhere, technology has advanced so far that they can get anyone's information within a block radius in less than a minute. Sure there is technology that protects you from these people but there is always a way for them to get to you. At any time of the day you could see that your bank account is missing $500 dollars or that your account password has been changed without your consent. No matter what you do, they will always get you.

The best thing to do is to change your password every 90 days and always keeping everything to yourself. Put very hard passwords on your account that is easy to remember, but hard to crack. Try to keep your wifi or bluetooth off whenever you're out or else you would be an easy target.

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