

Understanding Doxxing & Ways to Combat

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What Is "Doxxing or Doxing"?

*Dropping 'Dossiers'
or 'Documents'
or 'Dox/Docs'*

- Public posting & misusing of private information without consent
 - Personal / Sensitive
 - Secret / Confidential
 - Financial
 - Pictures / Videos / information

Why do People Dox?

- Humiliate
- Revenge
- Harass
- Harm reputation
- Blackmail
- Fraud

Why is Doxxing Dangerous?

- **Malicious & targeted attack**
- **Doxxer can remain anonymous**
- **Physical & mental harassment**
- **Depression, anxiety, and stress**
- **Reputation damage**
- **Financial loss**
- **Physical harm**



How does Doxxing Happen?

Emails

Social Media Platforms

Mobile Phones

Gaming Sites

Data Brokers

**Hacking of banks, hospitals, schools,
travel, schools - pvt organization,
government websites**



Preventing Doxxing

MUST DO

Limit online sharing

Strict privacy settings on social media

Remove personal / confidential details

Limit posts to 'Friends' only

Audit social media posts regularly



Preventing Doxxing

Contd...**MUST DO**

Limit use of 3rd party applications

Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN)

**Protect email identity with a “burner”
webmail account**

Strong usernames and passwords

**Follow good cybersecurity & cyber
hygiene practices**



Preventing Doxxing

MUST NOT DO

Post details about your school, place of work & home

Share photos/ selfies online or on chats

Use public Wifi hotspots which can be intercepted by hackers or are fake hotspots

Share personal details on gaming sites

Online Surveys & Challenges

How to Respond When you have been doxed

Collect & preserve the evidence

Inform parent/teacher

Review and update privacy and security settings

Protect your accounts and information

Remove private/ sensitive information

Report doxxing on social media sites

Get the leaked information removed from sites

Block the doxxer

Legal reporting

IS DOXXING ILLEGAL?

Doxxing intended for stalking, harassment, frauds, voyeurism, and threats is illegal by law

*Laws prohibiting voyeurism (Section 354C IPC)

*Disclosing sexually explicit or filthy content (Section 292 IPC)

*Defamation (Section 499 IPC),

*Online stalking (Section 354D IPC)

Right to Dignity that is Article 21 of the Indian Constitution

*Sections 66 A, B, C, D

Questions

