

CYBERSTALKING IS REAL AND A MENACE

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IT'S WORSE THAN ANY NIGHTMARE....

Practical advice to victims of cyberstalkers ...;

- **Never simply endure and put up with it – any form of harassment or unwanted attention creating fear constitute criminal acts.**
- **Make it clear to the cyberstalker that you want him to stop.**
- **Never agree to meet the stalker face to face to ‘work things out’ or talk.**
- **Do not communicate with the stalker after making your request, no matter what the circumstances.**
- **If the harassment continues, report it quickly to the police.**
- **Keep all incriminating messages you have received as you might need them as evidence. If possible save all header information from e-mails and newsgroup postings. Record the dates and times of any contact with the stalker.**
- **File a complaint with the stalker’s Internet service provider (ISP) and your own ISP. Many offer tools that filter or block e-mail from specific individuals.**
- **Consider changing your e-mail address, ISP and home phone number. Ask your computer store for protective software and other options.**

Many companies still underestimate the threat from phishing, data loss, cyber identity theft, information leakage and other cyber vulnerabilities—like cyber stalking.

The Nigerian 419 scam is very much alive and well in South Africa, as evidenced by the fact that tens of thousands of South Africans receive weekly emails from phishing sites purporting to be from the big four banks - asking them to disclose sensitive information such as their account details and passwords.

It is suspected that many of the phishing operators are part of the Nigerian 419 scam that has been defrauding unsuspecting punters for many years.

There is a low awareness of cyber-security threats in corporate South Africa and the government and little is being done to safeguard networks, servers and PCs.

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