

## WHAT IS DOXING?

And how do I protect against it?

### OVERVIEW

Doxing is a practice whereby individuals or groups publicise private information about a person on the internet without their consent.



### WHY DO PEOPLE DOX?

There are many varying motivations. Some people dox because they've had a previous disagreement with the victim. Some do so out of a malicious desire to harass the victim. Some do so out of a sense of vigilantism; to punish the target for perceived misdeeds.



### IS IT ILLEGAL?

Doxing itself is not illegal, but it is often linked with malicious harassment, which has legal consequences. Stalking, harassment and even violence have been known to result from cases of doxing.



### HOW DO I PROTECT AGAINST IT?

- Be thoughtful about what you post online
- Regularly review privacy and visibility settings on social media platforms
- Use online tools like Reputation Alerts to track your information



### WHAT IF MY INFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN SHARED?

If your information has been shared online, report it to the platform in question as a privacy violation.



If you feel like you are in immediate danger, always call 999.