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Stolen Passwords - Tips from NFPA to All Online Users



Often we see news stories of organizations and businesses whose user databases have been compromised. When a single website's list of user names, e-mail addresses and passwords is stolen, the effects are often felt across the Internet because many people use the same passwords on multiple sites.

Wholesale theft of user data from websites has become one of the favorite activities of organized crime in the 21st century. If your password does get compromised and you have used the same password and username/e-mail on multiple sites, the criminals will have access to your accounts on those other sites as well.

NFPA strongly suggests that its members choose passwords for themselves which are unique to each website. Do not assume that sites store passwords encrypted, or that even if they do that the encryption will hold up against a determined attack. "Brute force" decryption of the most common technique used by websites ([MD5](#)) has been shown by researchers to be possible in mere minutes with modern computers. Minimize your vulnerability by using a different password for each site, including numbers, symbols and both lower and uppercase letters, and making your passwords as lengthy as you can tolerate.

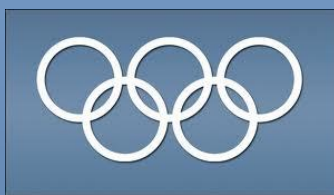
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Strategic Planning Survey Update – What You Want To See in 2012

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Although we are already half way through 2012, there is still time to concentrate on the 2012 priorities established in the 2011 strategic plan survey. You may recall, in October 2011, the Strategic Planning Committee distributed a survey to the membership asking questions relating to aspects of NFPA involvement including what the members thought NFPA has done well, resources provided by NFPA and how they are utilized, benefits of membership, website utilization, local newsletters & communications and what NFPA should focus on for the upcoming year.

The overall goal was to establish priorities for the focus of the strategic planning committee and the NFPA Board. Priorities included:

- Leadership training
 - Resources include Regional Meetings, NFPA Annual Convention, local events
- Marketing and Communications
 - PCC and PACE exams imperative for continued exposure with opportunities to expand the profession
 - *National Paralegal Reporter* - communication tool of NFPA
- Membership
 - Contact NFPA VPDM (Vice President and Director of Membership – Cindy Welch, RP[®]) for ideas related to membership retention and attracting new members

These are just a few of the action items the Strategic Planning Committee and NFPA Board are focusing on to better the association as well as the profession and remember your voice counts so please continue to participate in this and other opportunities.

Have an ethical issue? Ask the NFPA Ethics Board

Just a reminder: the NFPA Ethics Board addresses various issues and concerns affecting the paralegal profession. We would encourage any paralegal that has an ethical concern to submit it to the Ethics Board at Ethics@paralegals.org for review.