

## Re: Is this REALLY a secure site?

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Rick Merrill wrote:

- > *Steve N. wrote:*
- > ...
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- >> *How can anyone really know if an SSL or HTTPS connection is truly*
- >> *secure? Because someone said it is? Even if it is theoretically secure*
- >> *what's to prevent some creep on the other end from swiping your bank*
- >> *info anyway?*
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- > *That is true of creeps behind the gasoline pump too isn't it!?*

Yep. I now pay in cash or postal money orders. No checks. No cards. No fees. No problems.

- > *The*
- > *human factor is WAY more important than the technology factor. It is*
- > *much easier to glom onto credit card rubbings than it is to sniff*
- > *out packets of information scattered around the internet :-)*

Hard to find good help I guess. But in the case of online ID theft when using bona-fide secure sites you'd think that the employers would screen or hire bondable employees in the first place. Not that this would prevent a screened and bonded employee from stealing, but I'd think it would help glean out most of the riff-raff.

What I found to be most interesting in the case I suffered was that a major credit card company wound up making the authorization against my account and I didn't even have a credit card nor ever had done business with that firm. Of course the creep on the other end of the wire probably punched in the right numbers and the company followed standard procedure. I still ultimately blame the bank, though.

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- > *The tip off to bogus sites is nOt https vs http but whether the*
- > *site uses a numerical IP address: those are always bogus.*

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Intersting. We frequently access a state public education testing site that uses numerical addressing and it is definitely not bogus. Curious, why would you make that distinction? I mean what do you base this upon?

Thanks,  
Steve