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I understand your intentions were to warn others about using their real e-mail address, {so let's not argue :-)} but MS does offer a spam warning. It just doesn't jump out and grab you by the throat.

Open Internet Explorer | Help | Online Support | Self Support Options | Microsoft Technical Communities | Communities And Privacy (<http://www.microsoft.com/communities/conduct/default.aspx>)

".....Microsoft advises that newsgroup and community participants* should consider avoiding posting to newsgroups, chats, or other public forums using their real email address. Microsoft advises that newsgroup and community participants* should consider avoiding posting to newsgroups, chats, or other public forums using their real email address.....".

IMHO, I think finding a way to rid the world of spam, period, would make for better conversation.

P.S. Looking at your headers, I believe you have some Windows Updates waiting for you.

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Bruce Hagen
MS-MVP Outlook Express
~IB-CA~

"Dan" <smooth@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:OokpDZUIHHA.536@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is not a request for assistance, but rather a warning for newer users here, to hopefully prevent you from the same frustrations I have experienced as a result of using this forum.

Let me say that I have found this forum EXTREMELY helpful for solving problems. Bruce Hagen, if he is still around, did an excellent job assisting me. He also alerted me to the fact that my real email address was available to all on this forum, BECAUSE MICROSOFT FAILS TO WARN & INSTRUCT USERS WHEN SETTING UP OUTLOOK EXPRESS TO USE THESE

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NEWSGROUPS,
that you should NOT, I repeat NOT, NOT, NOT enter your real email
address!!!!!!!!!!!!

When I set this up, it required me to enter an email address in order to
post here. Nothing warned me that my REAL address would be easily
accessible to all here, NOR did instruct me that I could enter a false
address to thwart the spammers when entering the REQUIRED email address
during sign-up!!!!

Had Microsoft offered this very simple instruction in the beginning, I am
absolutely convinced that I would have NEVER, EVER, received ANY SPAM!!!!
This is on their network afterall, and their NEGLIGENCE to provide this
security information has caused me a great deal of headache, that now
seems will NEVER go away, making me wish I had never, ever used this
newsgroup in the first place!!!

Thank you to Bruce Hagen for recognizing and informing me about this
dangerous security breach. It would have been better if Microsoft were
RESPONSIBLE enough to have given this information in the newsgroup setup
instructions and process!!!!

The RESULT of this NEGLIGENCE on Microsoft's part is that after just a few
postings before Bruce's alert to me, I am now bombarded on this email
account daily for the last 9 MONTHS by spammers, and ONLY on this account.
I have NEVER received spam on ANY OTHER email account I have. Many of
these spams have been VIRUSES & WORMS!!!! And luckily my Anti-Virus
scanners have been able to remove them. Although I immediately followed
Bruce's intructions to change the email address displayed, it was too
late, and I don't think there is anyway for me to remove the previous
postings with the real email address. So Microsoft has left me with breach
in security which it seems I can NEVER fix, unless I CANCEL this email
account. That is really SAD!!! and worse yet, it was TOTALLY
UNNECESSARY!!!

If Microsoft were honestly SERIOUS about network security, they would
alert ALL people to this security breach before allowing them to use these
newsgroups!!

I don't even want to imagine how much worse this would be if Bruce had not
alerted me to this issue at all, but I hope this message will possibly
assist others in avoiding the headaches I have had.

And Thanks A Lot Microsoft... I thought your mission was to provide
solutions to the masses, not to cause extra problems... but what do I know
anyway.

Best of Luck to All,
Sincerely,
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