

Stay Smart Online Spam Malware & Cyber Crime

There are 90 billion email messages sent throughout the world every day; and of these 90% (ie. 81 billion) of these are spam; and 65 billion of these will have links to malicious software. The "Russian Business Network" ([see Wikipedia definition below](#)) is responsible for 65% of online crime.

It is important to remember unsavoury material on the internet is much more likely to be a haven for malicious software. So as in all of life it is important for internet users to keep good company, and to be careful of deals that seem too good to be true. Online crime can only happen when the prevailing conditions are conducive to success. There are about 200 criminals out there writing and selling automated virus and malware programs to trap the unwary. Visit www.staysmartonline.gov.au for more information about e-security risks and advice on how to manage them, and to sign up for the new Stay Smart Online Alert Service. You'll be sent regular emails that will alert you to the latest e-security risks, and provide useful advice for how to manage them.

"The Russian Business Network (commonly abbreviated as RBN) is a multi-faceted cybercrime organization, specializing in, and in some cases monopolizing personal identity theft for resale. It is the originator of MPack (software) and the operator of the Storm botnet. The RBN, which is notorious for its hosting of illegal and dubious businesses, originated as an Internet Service Provider for child pornography, phishing, spam, and malware distribution physically based in St. Petersburg Russia. More recently it has developed partner and affiliate marketing techniques in many countries to provide a method for organized crime to target victims internationally." A Wikipedia definition.