

E-MAIL TRACKING

Here is something everyone should read and take the advice. If you don't, **you're hurting yourself and people you email to..**

By now, many people will be familiar with www.snopes.com<<http://www.snopes.com> and/or www.truthorfiction.com<<http://www.truthorfiction.com> for determining whether information received via email is just that: true/false or fact/fiction. Both are excellent sites.

Advice from Snopes.com **Very important!**

1) Any time you see an E-Mail that says forward this on to '10' (or however many) of your friends, sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, you'll see something funny on your screen after you send it, or whatever, it almost always has an E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails of the people you forward to.

The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' E-Mail addresses to use in **SPAM E-Mails**, or sell to other spammers. Even when you get emails that demand you send the email on if you're not ashamed of God/Jesusthat's E-mail tracking and they're playing on your conscience.

These people don't care how they get your email addresses - just as long as they get them. Also, emails that talk about a missing child or a child with an incurable disease - "how would you feel if that was your child"**E-mail Tracking!!!**

Ignore them and don't participate!

2) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of E-Mail is, is a way to get names and 'cookie' tracking information for telemarketers and spammers - - to validate active E-Mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.

You can do your friends and family members a **GREAT** favour by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-Mails in the future!

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of E-Mail, now you know why you get so much **SPAM!**

Do yourself a favour and **STOP** adding your name(s) to those types of listings regardless how inviting they might sound!...or make you feel *guilty* if you don't!...it's all about getting email addresses - nothing more!

You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are **NOT!** Instead, **you will be getting tons of junk mail later and very possibly a virus attached!** Plus, you are helping the **spammers get rich!** Let's stop making it easy for them!

Also: **E-Mail petitions are NOT acceptable to Government**, or any other organization – i.e. social security, etc. To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition, so this is a waste of time and **you're just helping the Email trackers.**

Please read the full story here:

<http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/petition/internet.asp>

IMPORTANT!! HOW TO FORWARD AN EMAIL APPROPRIATELY

*Do you really know how to forward e-mails? 50% do; 50% **DO NOT.** Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Do you hate it?*

Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their e-mail addresses & names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds,

and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across his computer.

Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over five cents

How do you stop it?

Well, there are several easy steps:

(1) When you forward an e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top).. That's right, DELETE them. Highlight them and delete them, backspace them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second. You MUST click the 'Forward' button first and then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message. If you don't click on 'Forward' first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.

(2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the To: or Cc: fields for adding e-mail addresses.

*Always use the **BCC:** (blind carbon copy) field for listing the e-mail addresses. This is the way the people you send to will only see their own e-mail address.*

If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it, it's that easy.

When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say 'Undisclosed Recipients' in the 'TO:' field of the people who receive it.

(3) Remove any 'FW :' in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

(4) ALWAYS hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail you are reading.

Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By Forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent.

*(5) One of the main ones I hate is the ones that say that something like, 'Send this email to 10 people and you'll see something great run across your screen.' Or, sometimes they'll just tease you by saying something really cute will happen. **IT AINT GONNA HAPPEN!!!!***

*(6) **Before you forward** a Virus Alert, or some of the other ones floating around nowadays, check them*

*out **before** you forward them. Most of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for YEARS! Just about everything you receive in an email that is in question can be checked out at Snopes.*

Just go to <http://www.snopes.com/>

Its really easy to find out if it's real or not. If it's not, please don't pass it on.

So please, in the future, let's stop the junk mail and the viruses.

Finally, here's an idea!!! Send this note to everyone you know (but strip my address off first, please)

*And send them using the **BCC** (Blind Carbon Copy.)*

*This Is something that **SHOULD** be forwarded*