

Skype worm warning

Staffordshire Community Services are warning Internet users to be wary of a new virus affecting the Skype instant messaging service.

The worm arrives in Skype chat boxes with a link to a JPEG image file.

One of the messages reads,

"Hey, where I put ur photo ;-) now u populr. oops sorry please dont look there. look what crazy photo Tiffany sent me, looks cool"

After the user clicks the link they are prompted to save or run a .scr file which loads the virus onto the user's PC.

Officers advise all users to exercise caution whilst using instant messaging software. Users should never click on links contained within unsolicited messages from unknown individuals, and should never run or save software from untrusted sources.

Internet users are also reminded of the importance of using up to date antivirus, firewall and anti-spyware software on their PCs at all times, all of which is available online free of charge for personal use.

More information is available here:

http://heartbeat.skype.com/2007/09/the_worm_that_affects_skype_fo.html

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