

Monster Warning

Staffordshire Community Services are warning jobseekers to be extra vigilant following security breaches at the website Monster.com.

Hackers have been able to access the website's databases on at least two occasions, and were able to steal individuals' records, including names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of jobseekers with CVs posted on the site.

These individuals now face an increased risk of fraud, not only in the form of targeted (and personalised) phishing emails, but also via unsolicited telephone attack.

Monster.com job seekers have already been approached by fraudsters using social engineering techniques to try and gain financial details. Emails have been sent out pretending to be from recruiters asking for bank account details to complete job applications. Fake emails containing links to malicious software that could steal sensitive data have also been distributed.

Email users are reminded of the importance of exercising caution in their inbox. Users should never click on links contained within emails, as these could direct them to a hoax website that will infect the users PC with malware.

For more information, visit <http://help.monster.co.uk/besafe/>

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