

# Pro-Tibet Video Email Warning

Staffordshire Community Services are warning Internet users to be wary of an email currently in circulation containing a malicious pro-Tibet video file.

The emails contain an attachment entitled "RaceForTibet.exe". When opened, the file shows a video cartoon ridiculing the efforts of a Chinese gymnast at the Olympic Games. However, the booby trapped file also silently installs keystroke logging software on the user's PC, which sends the data captured to a computer in China. Captured data could include sensitive information such as usernames and passwords.

This is not the first time recently that malware writers have attempted to exploit current interests in the Beijing Olympics and the pro-Tibet demonstrations; net security firms have recently reported that some pro-Tibet websites had been modified by attackers to host malicious software. The 'Fribet' Trojan horse was placed on hacked websites and subsequently loaded onto users PCs through a Windows vulnerability.

As usual, officers advise all email users to remain vigilant and to delete such suspicious emails immediately. On no account should they click on any embedded web links or open any attachments.

Officers advise Internet users to ensure that their PCs are running up-to-date antivirus, antispyware and firewall software, all of which are available free of charge for personal use, and that their operating system security patches are up to date. They also advise turning off any 'auto-preview' features in their email software, and encourage all email users to observe their tips for avoiding spam emails ([Avoiding Spam](#)).

If you have any concerns regarding the above please contact Consumer Direct on 0845 4040506.

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