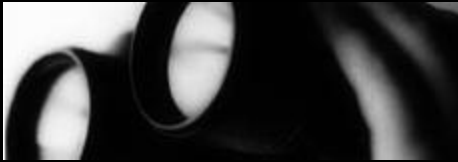




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Dear Jean ,

One of the definitions of **security** is "freedom from care, anxiety, or doubt; well-founded confidence".

This is what I work to provide my clients. In many cases they have concerns about something that may happen or has happened. In either situation they want to know as many facts as possible. It is these facts that relieve anxiety and doubt and provide the "well-founded confidence" they are seeking.

These are feelings that don't come from rumor, innuendo, gossip, or speculation. As a private investigator I am careful to only work with reliable sources. If these are not available, then I am just as careful to tell my clients why the information I am providing may not hold up to scrutiny.

Sometimes, however, it's not just about information. I can help people assess their risks, whether they are personal or business, or physical or technological.

Regardless, my work is all about making clients feel more secure about where they've been, where they are, and where they're going.

As always, thank you for your ongoing feedback. Please feel free to submit questions, comments and ideas for future issues.

Best Regards,

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Winterize Your Security



Our friends who live in cold weather climates are now in the middle of winter. As with each season, this time of year brings its own security challenges. In order to help meet chilly weather with confidence, here are a few tips from familyhomesecurity.com that can help make the Winter more safe and secure.

Plow Your Driveway

It's highly recommended that you arrange for your driveway to be plowed on a regular basis. This is not only important for your own personal safety, but can also help to discourage burglars as well. If you are absent for a long period of time, an unplowed driveway may be a sign to burglars that your house is deserted.

Mark Your Valuables

A good habit to get into is to write your postal code with a security marker on your valuable electronics, keepsakes and other items. Keep a running inventory of these objects, updating it as necessary. This way, if the police recover stolen goods, they have the ability to return them directly to you (as long as you reported them missing). This is a

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ALERTIf you received an e-mail from my email address regarding jewelry or weight loss, please understand that it did not originate from me. My computer expert, Peter Jarvic said that my computers had NOT been violated and therefore the hacker had gotten my e-mail address from someone else's address book. Keep checking your computers for viruses.**



Make Cybersecurity Part of Your 2012 New Years Resolutions:

If you're still looking for a New Year's resolution, it's not too late to make online safety resolutions for 2012.

Stop. Think. Connect. is government campaign that suggests following these simple steps from the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) to enhance increase your devices' cybersecurity:

- Adjust your privacy and security settings to make sure that sites are not collecting personal information about you without your knowledge.
- Once you have installed an anti-virus package, manually scan files you receive from an outside source on a daily basis before opening them directly from the source.
- Limit the amount of personal information you post online, especially in public forums.
- Beware of grand promises-they are most likely spam, hoaxes, or phishing schemes. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Update and create strong passwords on a monthly

precautionary measure, but should be followed nonetheless.

Check Your Outdoor Security Equipment

If you have security lighting, motion sensors or other equipment installed outdoors, it's best if you test this equipment on a regular basis. Severe weather can damage or destroy outdoor equipment, and you may not notice until it is too late. If possible, check to see that any security equipment you purchase is rated for outdoor use.

Purchase a Lock Defroster

In order to avoid being kept out of your home or car by a frozen lock, always keep a high-quality lock defrosting device close at hand. These devices may be battery-operated, or may simply be a tube of liquid that can be used to melt the ice inside your lock. Most lock defrosters are relatively inexpensive, and can fit easily in a purse or handbag.

Protect Your Home

Purchasing a security system is important at any time of year, as it is a great step towards increasing your home's overall level of security. You can follow this Step by Step Guide to choosing a home security system, which will help you to decide on a level of protection that is right for your home. Depending on your needs, you may find that having a home security system gives you a sense of reassurance that your home is under constant protection.



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basis.

Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility and each of us has a role to play.



Smartphone Users Unsure And Uneducated Survey Shows High Level of Concern for Security, but Taking Little Action

In support of Data Privacy Day 2012, NQ Mobile, the international brand of NetQin Mobile, Inc., (NYSE: NQ), a leading provider of consumer-centric mobile security and productivity applications, and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), a non-profit public-private partnership focused on cybersecurity awareness and education for all digital citizens, today released the results of a new survey of consumer attitudes and behaviors towards mobile privacy and security.

The online survey of 1,158 smartphone-owning consumers conducted in December 2011, showed that while almost three-fourths of American consumers are aware of - and concerned about - security threats to their smartphones, they aren't always taking active measures to protect their mobile lives. People are especially concerned about the personal information they keep on their phones, with nine out of ten aware that smartphones contain personal information, and 81% concerned about that fact. Interestingly, men tend to be more aware of the security threats and issues related to owning a smartphone, but women tend to be more concerned about threats and privacy issues.

When it comes to specific security threats, every potential threat evoked concern, but 78% of smartphone users are

Security Challenges

According to WRTV (Channel 6) in Indianapolis, officials are taking super-sized safety precautions ahead of this year's Super Bowl.

Homeland Security officials are using extremely large Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System machines to help scan semi-trucks delivering equipment and supplies to the site, Lucas Oil Stadium. The system features a high-tech sensor and a robotic arm which work together to detect items banned at the stadium.

Theindychannel.com quotes an official as saying, "Our job is to safeguard the event, as well as the people coming to the city of Indianapolis for the Super Bowl."

The system is capable of seeing through at least six inches of steel and identify a wide range items of interest to security forces. The officials will inspect each vehicle that enters the secure perimeter of the stadium and be looking for everything from explosives, to weapons, to actual terrorists.

The security scans operate rapidly and shouldn't delay other vehicles accessing the location.

It's In The Can!



Police arrested a woman in Lynn, Massachusetts, for stealing \$64 worth of soda cans from a store and attempting to feed them into a can return machine in exchange for money.

According to thedailyitem.com, a customer bought 18 12-packs of

particularly concerned about their lost or stolen phone falling into the wrong hands and its contents being misused (78% concerned). Users were most concerned about losing their password data (67% concerned), but would be most willing to add security to protect the banking and other financial data on their phone. Users are least willing to add security to protect their photos and videos.

On the emerging issue of location data tracking:

- Users are about evenly split on being concerned about protecting the privacy of their location when using their phones.
- Half (50%) report that they know how to turn off or set permissions for location tracking, though just 38% know how to disable geotagging, which is the storage of location based data, in the form of Latitude and Longitude inside of images.
- Almost all phone users (95%) believe that at least one entity can track their location while their phone is on, though which entities users believe can do this varies widely.
- A very strong majority (87%) believe that carriers can track their location when their phone is on, followed by hackers (57%) and legitimate apps (54%). One-fourth (24%) believe that data aggregators can track their location.

While 70% of smartphone users said they had some type of security or security software on their phone, just half of smartphone users actually could identify what type of security they have. More than half (58%) of smartphone users report they don't know enough about mobile security to decide whether they need it or not, and a majority of those who do not have any security features/software on their smartphones don't have them because of a lack of awareness or complacency - and this is not surprising, given that just 7% of smartphone users were offered information about the need for security for their phone at the time of purchase.

"It's clear that smartphone users take protecting their data and privacy seriously, but they don't feel they know enough about how to keep their mobile devices safe," said NQ Mobile co-Chief Executive Officer Omar Khan. "As the leader in helping people secure their mobile lives, NQ Mobile believes there is an obligation for the entire mobile industry to ensure that consumers understand that real threats exist and how they can protect their personal information and privacy."

soda and pay with a stolen electronic benefit transfer card. She then took the cans to the store's can return machine and attempted to deposit them without emptying them.

She was arrested and charged with larceny under \$250, destruction of property over \$250, obstruction of justice and receiving stolen property.

"The mobile smartphone has truly arrived in American society," said Michael Kaiser, executive director of the National Cyber Security Alliance. "Smartphones can be convenient, fun and useful - but they also collect personal information that can be hacked, lost or misused. That is why we encourage all digital citizens to take an active role in learning safe practices and behaviors."

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