

Scam Alert – From Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Crime Watch

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A new twist to an old scam has been popping into email boxes recently. This is a pure attempt at extortion; you are told that the sender possesses some sort of embarrassing video taken through your webcam, and even offers up your password as proof that they have "hacked" your system. They want money or else they'll send the video to your contacts. This one is designed to elicit fear, but is not real.

The scammers have most likely acquired your password (and its quite likely a password you haven't used in a while) through one of the many well-known hacks over the past few years (Yahoo, Ebay, Sony Playstation and many others have been famously compromised).



This scam should serve as a reminder to change your password often, and to not use the same password for every website or every account.

As always remain vigilant and please report anything suspicious to the CAFC (Canadian Anti Fraud Centre) at 1-888-495-8501.