



WhatsApp Phishing

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How is it done?

- Hacker targets victim with WhatsApp voice call or a suspicious link on social media, SMS, WhatsApp etc.
- Once call is received or link is clicked, device's WhatsApp gets temporarily 'defaced'
- Messages can then be sent from the defaced WhatsApp to others, often asking for money or favors
- Then a message is sent to contacts of the defaced WhatsApp claiming the victim has a new contact number. A phishing call is then placed from the alleged new number.

How to protect yourself?

- Do not panic or uninstall WhatsApp.
- Block the suspicious number from which the request is coming.
- Do not click on suspicious links even from known people.
- Do not respond to such suspicious messages asking for money or agree to such requests.
- Do not receive WhatsApp voice calls from unknown numbers.
- If you are aware you have been hacked, broadcast a warning message to your contacts to not respond to such requests sent from your WhatsApp account.

