

A Facebook scam that just won't go away is making the rounds again. It's the "Look who died" scam and you will likely get it as a post or message. It's the kind of msg that fools even the smartest friends. A viewer recently sent it to my Facebook page. I'm looking at how to spot it and what happens if you click on it.

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I'm not going to say who it was, but one of our viewers sent me a Facebook scam. And it's one making the rounds again. I'm Jamey Tucker coming up with a phishing scam you need to avoid.

ANCHOR INTRO

A NASTY FACEBOOK SCAM IS MAKING THE ROUNDS AGAIN AND THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE YOU MAY SEE IT AS A POST OR A FACEBOOK MESSAGE.

IN FACT, A VIEWER RECENTLY SENT IT TO OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER. HERE'S WHAT HE FOUND WHEN HE OPENED THE MESSAGE.

PACKAGE SCRIPT

In their defense, the viewer didn't know they had sent the scam to me on my Facebook page. They didn't send the message but it looked like it came from them. Here's the scam. You have seen it and maybe even clicked on it. It's a post or message that says "Look who died" and "I think you know him" followed by several crying emojis. There's also a link to what appears to be a news report. So what happens if you click on it? Instead of going to the news story you're prompted to sign in to your Facebook account to see it. It isn't a Facebook log in though, it's a fake site. If you enter your username and password, the bad guys can log into your account. They can also change your Facebook password and you won't be able to log back in. Or, at the very least, the scammers will use your account to try and scam your friends and clone their accounts. It happens thousands of times a day. Pay attention to where a link is going. Not to a news outlet, but to websites with strange names. The posts almost always tag you or some of your friends. They also come through as Facebook messages from friends who've had their Facebook profiles compromised. If you've clicked on a link and entered your login information. Change your password as quickly as possible and everyone should have 2-factor authentication turned on to make it more difficult for the hackers to change passwords. Remember, scams like this one can come from friends you trust. Even friends you think are too smart to fall for something so obviously a scam. Think before you click and never enter your

Facebook login information in another website. There's no reason you will need to do that.
That's What the Tech? I'm Jamey Tucker

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YOU SHOULD ALSO REPORT THE POST OR MESSAGE TO FACEBOOK AND NOTIFY THE FRIEND IT SUPPOSEDLY CAME FROM.

WEB STORY

A Facebook scam that prompted multiple consumer warnings early last year is going strong and seems to be making the rounds again. It's the "Look who died" scam and it can be particularly bothersome and even dangerous.

A viewer (I won't say who they are) sent it to me as a message on my Facebook page. I'm guessing they didn't

The post or message reads "Look who died. I think you know him".

I'll be the first to admit it's the type of message that makes me want to click on it. Is it someone I know? Someone I grew up with? A close friend? Keeping up with old friends is why many of us are on Facebook to begin with.

Since the post or message appears to come from a friend you might think nothing about clicking on it for more information.

The message appears to link to a news article or report.

What happens if you click on it? Here's what I discovered:

The click doesn't open a news report or website but links to a website that promises to deliver the story once you verify your identity by signing into your Facebook account.

Never mind you're already signed in to Facebook.

That should be the first clue that you're on a scammer's website.

If you continue and log in to the fake website pop-up, you'll be giving your Facebook username and password to a scammer who could easily hijack your Facebook account. They could change your password and send similar messages to all of your Facebook friends.

At the very least they could send the same spammy message to every friend in your friends list.

Be on the lookout for this Facebook scam. It's spreading again and all it takes is for one of your friends to click on it and enter their login information for it to regain new life and spread even further.

