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Check If Your Email Was in a Data Breach, and What to Do

Companies get hacked all the time, and your email address might have been caught up in one without you ever knowing. This guide shows how to check for free using Have I Been Pwned, and exactly what to do if your email shows up: change reused passwords, turn on two-factor or a passkey, and watch for follow-up phishing.

Why check?

It takes ten seconds, and it's completely free.

Breaches happen constantly
Big companies get hacked too. Your email and password can end up in a public dump.

The real danger: reused passwords
If you used that password anywhere else, every one of those accounts is at risk.

Free, and no download
One trusted website checks for you. No app, no account, no charge.

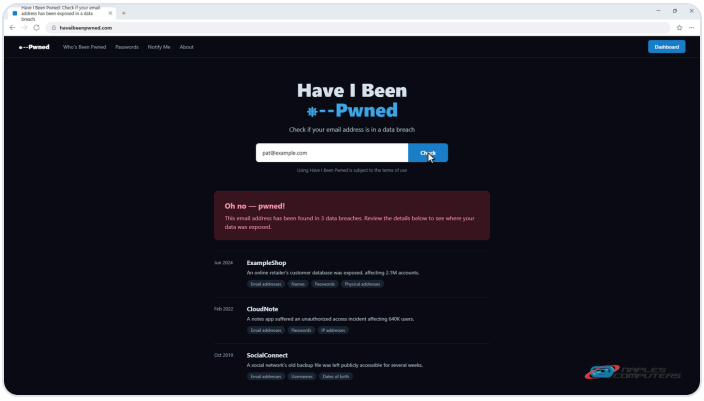
Step by step

HAVEIBEENPWNED.COM

1 Go to haveibeenpwned.com

Type your email address, and click Check.

WHAT TO DO
If it shows “Oh no — pwned!”, you'll see a timeline of the breaches, and what data was exposed in each.



If you were breached

- [ ] Change that password everywhere you reused it
  Start with email, banking, and anywhere with saved payment info.
- [ ] Turn on two-factor, or set up a passkey
  So a leaked password alone isn't enough to get in.
- [ ] Watch for follow-up phishing
  Breached data gets used to write convincing scam emails and texts.

A few tips

- [ ] Nobody legitimately charges to "fix" this
  Have I Been Pwned is free. Anyone asking for payment to remove you is a scam.
- [ ] Use a password manager
  A different password for every site means one breach can't touch the rest.
- [ ] Bookmark the real site
  haveibeenpwned.com, not a search ad or a look-alike.

Recap: check for a breach

- [ ] Go to haveibeenpwned.com, type your email, click Check
- [ ] Breached? Change that password everywhere you reused it
- [ ] Turn on two-factor, or set up a passkey
- [ ] It's free — never pay anyone to "fix" it for you

Have I Been Pwned is completely free. Anyone who contacts you offering to "fix" a breach result for a fee is running a scam, not helping you.

Found a breach and not sure what to do next?

Call 239-513-1960

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