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We've all seen the ads. "Take a short survey for a chance to win a prize"

What is the harm in answering a few simple questions? First pet's name, favorite color, hobby, high school attended, favorite movie, first concert you attended?

All of these answers could be providing scammers with some of your personal information. Often these simple questions are the same used for online security. Scammers will use this personal information to access your account. They will then reset the passwords, blocking your access to the account so they steal from you.





Another way scammers use quizzes is to offer a prize for correctly answering a few questions. With this type of scam, everyone's answers are correct and everyone wins a prize. All the winner needs to do is click on the link provided by the scammer and enter their information including name, address and possibly bank information for a monetary prize. Could possibly ask for your social security number for "tax reporting purposes" because of the large value of the prize won. You will never receive the prize.

One simple way to protect yourself is to not respond to random surveys or quizzes requesting information about you or provide simple, random answers to the questions.

Remember..... If it seems too good too be true, it probably is.

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Congratulations to this month's winner, Dan Vorwald

He will receive a \$10 credit on his next bill.

Winners are randomly drawn and all customers are eligible.



The office will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.