

Protecting Cell phones and PDAs

Most cell phones can send and receive text messages; others connect to the internet. Although these useful features are convenient, attackers can take advantage of them to:

- · Abuse your service
- · Lure you to a malicious website
- · Use your cell phone or PDA in an attack
- · Gain access to account information

How to protect yourself:

- · Be careful about posting your cell phone number and email address
- · Do not follow links sent in email or text messages
- · Be wary of downloadable software
- · Evaluate your security settings, such as Bluetooth connections, and disable Bluetooth when you are not using it
- · Encrypt your cell phone or PDA if it contains sensitive data

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