Has Your Facebook Been Hacked?

If you suspect that your Facebook account has been hacked, it's important to take immediate action to secure your account and personal information. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to determine if your Facebook account has been compromised and how to fix it:

Signs of a Hacked Account

Unrecognized Activity

1 Check your account for posts you didn't make, messages you didn't send, and profile info you didn't add.

Email or Password Changes

2 If you can't log into your account, it's possible someone else changed your password or email.

Using Your Account

3 If friends complain about spam or scam messages from your account, it's a sign someone may have hacked in.

Notifications

4 You might receive notifications from Facebook that some changes have been made to your account without your knowledge.

Immediate Steps

Change Password

Change your Facebook password and any other online accounts that use the same password immediately.
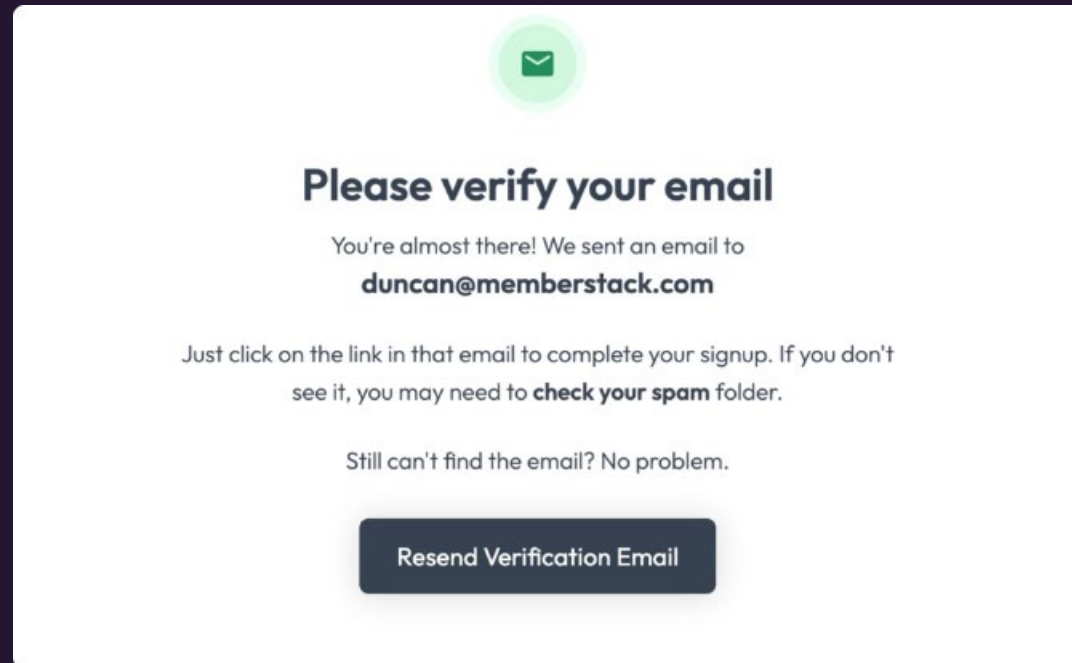
Logout From All Devices

This will disconnect your account from any devices where it might be active.
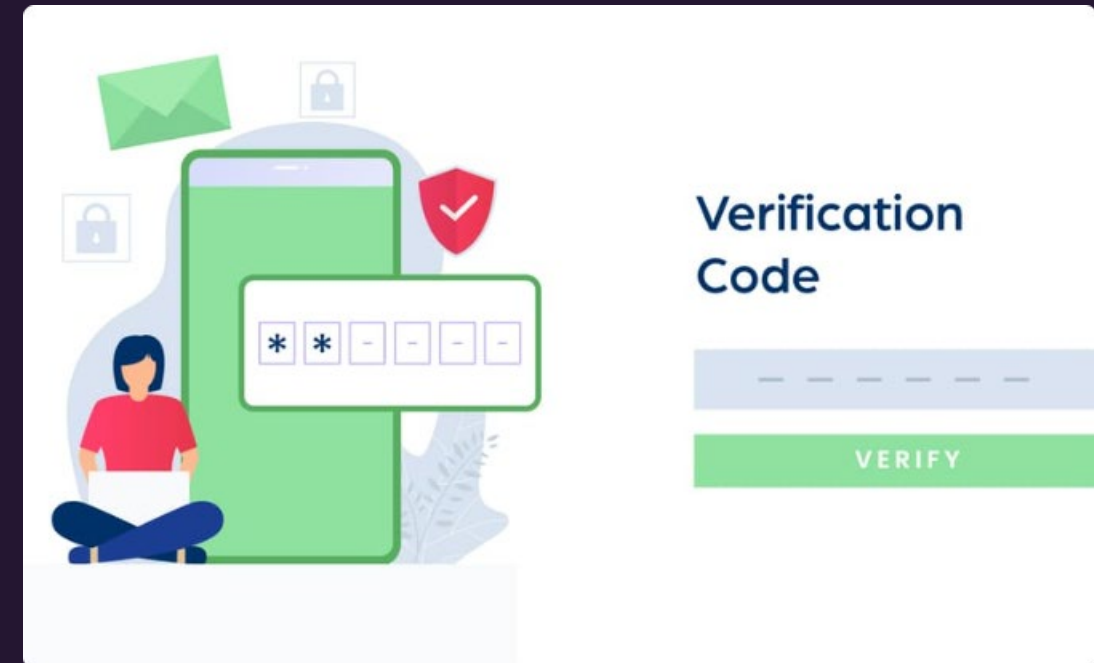
Enable 2-Factor Authentication

This will keep your account more secure and reduce the risk of hacking attempts.

Verify Email and Phone Number

Email Verification

Make sure your email is up-to-date and verified on Facebook.

Phone Verification

Link your phone number to your account and verify it. This will help you recover the account in future if required.

Run Security Checks

Run a quick Facebook security check to make sure that your settings are secure and your account is protected from future attacks.

Security Checkup

Go to security checkup in your Facebook settings and review your login activity, update your account details, and enable alerts.
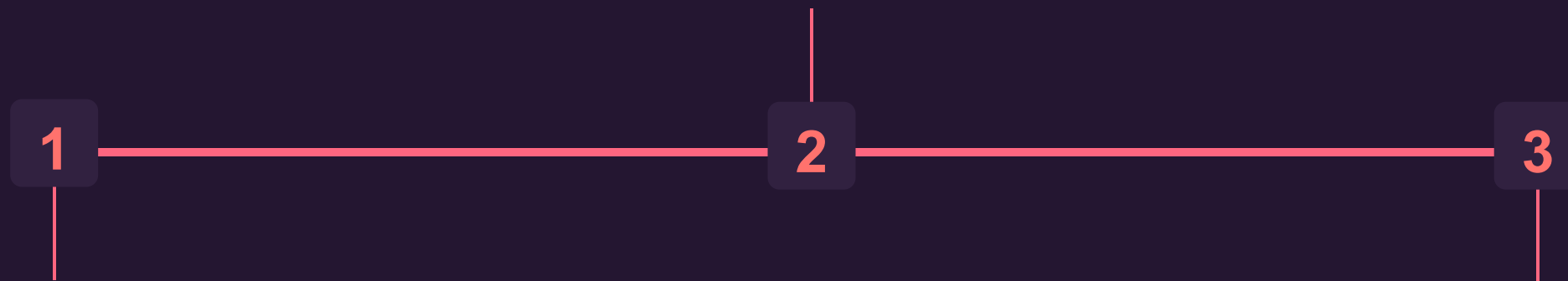
Login Alerts

Get a notification whenever your account logs in through a new device or location to avoid the risk of hacking attempts.

Scan for Malware

Check for Spyware

Look for spyware on your computer that hackers could use to access your Facebook account.
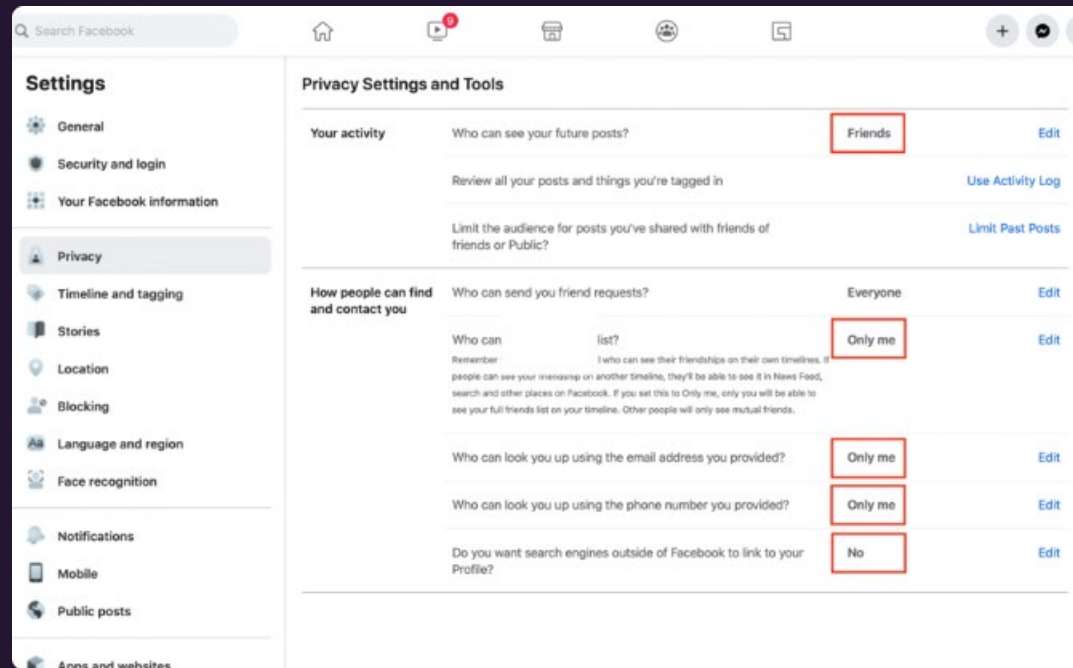
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Use a Reputable Anti-Virus Software

Install and run an up-to-date antivirus program to detect and remove malware from your computer or device.

Use Malware Removal Tools

Use specialized malware removal tools to scan your device and remove any threats.

Review Privacy Settings

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Go over your privacy settings regularly and update them if needed. Keep your personal information private from everyone except your trusted friends.

Friends List

Review your friends list and remove anyone who you don't know or anyone who you suspect of hacking into your account.

Secure Your Email

Check Email Activity

Check your email's activity log to see if anyone else has accessed your email account.

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Change Your Email Password

Change your email password as soon as possible to prevent any access to your Facebook account.

Enable Email Security Features

Turn on security settings like two-factor authentication and alerts when new devices log into your email account.

Report Compromised Account

1 **Contact Facebook Help Center**

Contact Facebook to report your hacked account and get it back to you as soon as possible.

2 **Submit Your Details**

Provide your email and password, describe your account issue, and submit identification documents to verify your identity.

3 **Be Patient**

Be patient as it can take time to resolve the case. Facebook staff will guide you through the process of getting your account back.

Warn Friends

Inform Friends Directly

Contact close friends and family members who might have received suspicious messages from your account and warn them of the situation.

Post a Status Update

Post a status update on Facebook, alerting your friends to the situation and warning them of any potential risks.

Stay Vigilant

Create Strong Passwords

Use strong and unique passwords for all your online accounts and change them regularly for improved security.

Be Careful with Social Media Links

Avoid clicking on suspicious or unknown links when using social media because they could lead to hacking attempts.

Regularly Review Account Settings

Check your account settings regularly to ensure your privacy and security settings are up-to-date and secure.

Enable 2-Factor Authentication

Wherever possible, enable two-factor authentication to provide an extra layer of security.