



Myths of Safe Web Browsing

Do you and your users practice safe web browsing? Avoid risky sites? Limit time spent online during work hours? Employ a rock-solid internet access policy? I have some bad news for you. You might be suffering from one or more misconceptions about web safety.

Sophos, a leading IT company that helps organizations avoid data leaks, loss and sabotage, recently published a white paper on safe web browsing. Five of their 10 myths:

Myth #1: The web is safe because I've never been infected by malware.

Reality: You may not know you're infected. An example Sophos gives is the customer who installed a Web Appliance and immediately flagged more than 50 machines on its network performing suspicious behavior.

Myth #2: My users aren't wasting time surfing in inappropriate content.

Reality: More than 40% of corporate internet use is inappropriate and going unchecked—an average of 1 to 2 hours per day per user.

Myth #3: We control web usage and our users can't get around our policy.

Reality: Anonymizing proxies make it easy for employees to circumvent your web filtering policy and visit any site they like.

Myth #4: Only porn, gambling, and other "dodgy" sites are dangerous.

Reality: Hijacked trusted sites represent more than 83% of malware hosting sites.

Myth #5: You can only get infected if you download files.

Reality: Most malware infections now occur through a "drive-by" download. Hackers inject the malicious code into the actual web page content, then it downloads and executes automatically within the browser as a by-product of simply viewing the web page.

Use Email to Win Friends and Influence Enemies

We've all done it, sent an email without considering the possibility of it being misinterpreted. And most of us can remember receiving one that made our blood boil. A new product, ToneCheck (<http://tonecheck.com/>) will scan your email before you send it to identify potentially troublesome phrases. You have the option of accepting or editing flagged sentences, including those phrases that might seem too cheerful when you're trying to strike a stern tone. Currently ToneCheck is available for Microsoft Outlook 2003, 2007 and 2010 with development scheduled for Outlook Express, Apple Mail, Gmail and Thunderbird.

The Constitution: Dead or Alive?

Jack Focht, Special Counsel at Foulston Siefkin-Wichita, will be the speaker for this year's Constitution Day event, a collaboration between the Lyon County Law Library, Emporia League of Women Voters and Emporia State University. The event will be held **Thurs, Sept 16 from 6 to 8 pm on the ESU campus** (location to be determined).

Oral Argument CLE

Matthew Maloney of the Sedgwick County Attorney's Office will present "Effective Oral Argument Techniques" **Wed, Sept 29 from 12 to 1 pm at the Lyon County Courthouse in Courtroom #3**. Cost is free for LCLL members, \$25 for non-members. We have applied for one hour of CLE credit. Bring your lunch!