

## Forum: [Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [Vacation ban assisting scammers avoiding the heat?](#)

**Seisou** - October 23, 2014, 8:26 am

I was reading here

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4502349>

And I have seen this 0x68 user with tonnes of scam reports that all have solid evidence. I know staff don't take action, but what, is this like some kind of scamming niche that people do? They scam then ban themselves so they don't have to take the heat and come back with nothing on their shoulders?

I think the self-vacation ban thing needs to be changed or removed, it does more bad than good, people should also learn some self control and if it really has to be done, they can just ask a staff to ban them.

I just don't think it's right, that guy and others I have seen need to be perm banned for being cowards and obviously scamming.

Edit: Pretty much what I am saying, is that the self-ban feature is basically a built-in scamming tool.

**Xepher The Cat** - October 23, 2014, 8:27 am

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**Seisou** - October 23, 2014, 8:29 am

(Oct 23, 2014 08:27 AM)X?pher Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) HackForums staff don't get involved with deal disputes.

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**clark.dll** - October 23, 2014, 8:30 am

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This is true, however, at times he does take action and ban scammers here and there.

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**Orianthi** - October 23, 2014, 8:45 am

I agree with OP, its a great way a scammer can scam.

Seisou - October 23, 2014, 8:49 am

Here is someones post on another thread in the lounge, pretty much what I am trying to say is that scammers shouldn't be able to do this stuff as easy as 1,2,3.

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What? You wanted to know why it even existed and I'm just explaining it to you, and why Omni won't remove it like you suggested in the OP.

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?Criminal - October 23, 2014, 8:52 am

Because the majority of the marketplace(90%) are all scammers and con artists, especially those doxing services, most of them are all bullshit and then they try to save face by making a bullshit lie up when they get called out eventually then pussy out when all the members associated with the services gets doxed, I mean why run a doxing service if it's so easy to dox the person running it in the first place, it's a huge contradiction.It also makes the scammer look innocent and make it look like they got hacked or whatever by vacation banning them selves, it could be a variety of scenarios.The best mitigation would be to limit the vacation bans because it seems highly abused for malicious intentions(scamming).

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**Seisou** - October 23, 2014, 8:55 am

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**IpSiety** - October 23, 2014, 8:58 am

3/10 thread

- Misinformation
- Stupid suggestion

The self vacation ban isn't some type of scamming tool and your reasoning is incredibly flawed. The scam reports will remain, and the vacation feature does nothing to help the scammer at all.

**FantaŠec** - October 23, 2014, 8:59 am

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**Ivy Mike** - October 23, 2014, 9:03 am

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Omniscient Wrote:This shit really angers me especially since I been up since 8am and pretty much just spent investigation and closing about 10 accounts related to scammers.

What I'm NOT going to do is get involved in deals or deal disputes.

Just because you're fucking little bitch that gets butthurt over a deal dispute doesn't make me fucking responsible for your risky actions in deals.

AT YOUR OWN FUCKING RISK means just that.

These thread really piss me off. Clueless fucking members.

**Seisou** - October 23, 2014, 9:06 am

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See, something like this. Something possibly like an alert is posted on a page if a scammer has banned themselves with recent reports being posted. Maybe I am just thinking this over, but I am heading off for now. I wouldn't be surprised if a staff member just completely blanks me out with some nice points, just people at the moment aren't seeing the two sides to the picture.

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Well did this Illuminati person have more scam reports than 0x68? Was the evidence as strong? I'd appreciate if someone closed this thread, it's none of my business and majority of you are probably right.

**Wires** - October 23, 2014, 9:14 am

The vacation ban feature, I doubt will be removed any time soon. It's working as it should to my understanding. Also, removing the feature still won't stop scamming. Users can message staff freely requesting a vacation ban, or just leave their account and come back on whenever they feel like it.

**DrDoof** - October 23, 2014, 9:15 am

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Dude stop, just stop. Users change names all the time, scammer or not. Users takes vacation bans all the time, scammer or not. If you don't know what you are doing, like looking up people's uid's, then don't do deals on here.

**Rigel** - October 23, 2014, 9:17 am

Eeluminati scammed and vacation banned himself right after. Omni extended his ban.

**1nh4le** - October 23, 2014, 9:19 am

Staff don't get involved with scam reports. I made a thread recently about this issue and it just pissed off Omni. The site doesn't give a fuck if people scam since deals are "at your own risk".

**Seisou** - October 23, 2014, 9:25 am

Yeah I am over thinking this. Someone please close this. I'll say I am wrong.

**R?DSPY** - October 23, 2014, 12:48 pm

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**-Dartz** - October 23, 2014, 1:01 pm

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- It's way older than you.

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Staff won't ban them just because they see a scam report.

You're the one being childish and close minded.

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I am pretty sure staff has enough on their hands already.

**Boza** - October 23, 2014, 1:58 pm

Our staff on occasion will ban a scammer, if the evidence is on site and apparent.

**Trisomy 21** - October 23, 2014, 3:45 pm

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What is even going through your mind? How do vacation bans assist in scamming what so ever?

**Tyler?** - October 23, 2014, 3:57 pm

Yeah, it needs to be dealt with. Scammers are just lazy thieves.

**?Nuski** - October 23, 2014, 10:25 pm

We'll I have seems tag ban people when they admit to scamming that's the only time I see staff getting involved but it's not fair to take away a feature just because 1 member is abusing it

**Trihunter3** - October 23, 2014, 11:50 pm

Vacation bans are an Ub3r Feature. Every Ub3r is allowed to use it as they like.

Scammers are not dealt by HF staff. The only time a scammer may be banned is if he is a menace to the forum and has to be stopped, therefore Omniscient might step in and ban them. This is 1% of 99% of cases.

Look up someone before you deal with them. The vacation feature is a great feature, and it does not help scammers avoid the heat. If they wanted they could just not login for a month then come back with no problems if you think disappearing for a month removes deal disputes.

That's how this forum has worked for years, and until staff change the rules, it will continue to work like that.

If you don't know there are six main staff members managing the forum for 400K + Users. They don't have the time to read over deal disputes throughout the day when they are dealing with:

People trolling

People posting infected links.

People breaking marketplace rules.

etc.

They have no time to look over the 22k+ threads in the deal dispute section. You may think its so simple to make sure someone is 100% a scammer and then ban them, it is not. It would take time. Not the little "Five seconds" you think it may.