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Thread: [Scammer Reputations](#)

Omniscient - December 9, 2015, 9:10 am

It's very important that you read and fully understand our policy concerning scammer reputations given to members.

This is our [Reputation Help Doc](#). Please read all of it along with this thread.

Often members participate in Deal Dispute threads and take a side or agree the member was scammed. Agreeing member was scammed does not allow you to give them a scammer reputation. You might ask why this is the policy and it's simple. You were not scammed. You were not part of the deal. You cannot 100% verify claims made by members.

So the policy we have in place does not allow just anyone to call someone a scammer in a reputation. And that does include making an inference they are a scammer. Reading the official [Help Docs](#) gives you examples.

If you left someone an invalid scammer reputation I suggest you immediately change it. Go to your Given Reputation page and review all the negative reps you've given.
<https://hackforums.net/repsgiven.php?show=negative>

If abuse does continue it's likely that we will stop allowing members to leave custom comments in all reputations and create canned (previously written) comments.

Thank you.

Queen Cin - December 9, 2015, 9:11 am

It'd be hilarious if we had canned comments to choose from.

It'd be like Club Penugin, safety chat

rapidfire08 - December 9, 2015, 9:12 am

Thanks for making it clear boy.

iMinotaur - December 9, 2015, 9:13 am

Thanks Omni for clearing this shit up even tho I can't rep :P

Raymond Reddington - December 9, 2015, 9:13 am

A lot of accounts closure and repfucks have already been seen for this. Its the time people take it seriously.

Elegant - December 9, 2015, 9:53 am

Thank you for clarifying this. Idiotic members would all gang rep a user for being a "scammer" without being part of the "scam".

Judicious? - December 9, 2015, 10:05 am

(Dec 9, 2015 10:13 AM)Raymond Reddington Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A lot of accounts closure and repfucks have already been seen for this. Its the time people take it seriously.

I agree. Flaming on a deal dispute thread and leaving negative "scammer" reputation on someone regarding a deal that you had no part in is childish. I think we all can tell that Omni is getting pretty tired of it.

grady - December 9, 2015, 10:08 am

Oh God, time to update like 20 reps.

SWS. - December 9, 2015, 10:08 am

I was rep fucked for this one rule once and I learned my lesson since then and have never left such a reputation again.

Omniscient - December 9, 2015, 10:47 am

(Dec 9, 2015 11:08 AM)SWS. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I was rep fucked for this one rule once and I learned my lesson since then and have never left such a reputation again.

I'm hoping this new policy will prevent situations like yours. Where ignorance of the policy led to drastic action against an account.

Brahma™ - December 9, 2015, 12:20 pm

(Dec 9, 2015 11:47 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm hoping this new policy will prevent situations like yours. Where ignorance of the policy led to drastic action against an account.

Thankyou for introducing this. Lots of members are getting gang-repped just coz the defendant has more friends to support him. I am sure this policy will not only help curbing such issues but will also help to get rid of menaces that aren't supposed to be on here at HF. Thanks Again!

Ninetales. - December 9, 2015, 12:23 pm

ugh im not allowed to view my neutrals r.i.p.

Louisveret - December 9, 2015, 3:28 pm

Thanks for clearing this up!

BITW - December 10, 2015, 3:54 am

Good steps. Seeing Omni is working on more improvements.

Cheers

YungTrigz - December 10, 2015, 1:25 pm

How am I meant to remove the 0's I've given?

I can't see who I've given them too.

Granny Bacon - December 10, 2015, 1:27 pm

(Dec 10, 2015 02:25 PM)YungTrigz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How am I meant to remove the 0's I've given?

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You have to be Ub3r to view that page, it's an upgraded feature.

Benjamin Cakelin - December 10, 2015, 1:29 pm

What about rep from the past or l33ts who can't see the rep they gave?

YungTrigz - December 10, 2015, 1:43 pm

(Dec 10, 2015 02:27 PM)Granny Bacon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You have to be Ub3r to view that page, it's an upgraded feature.

I know that, I want to know how I'm meant to prevent being rk'd without being able to see who I left rep on.

Martino - December 10, 2015, 2:34 pm

So repping someone deal with caution isn't allowed anymore ?

Who Soup - December 10, 2015, 2:36 pm

Thank you for clearing that up Omni, I've seen a lot of members RFed recently because of this.

DamienVC - December 11, 2015, 1:56 am

Is "Deal with caution" or "unresolved deal disputes" rep allowed?

420 - December 11, 2015, 1:57 am

(Dec 11, 2015 02:56 AM)DamienVC Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is "Deal with caution" or "unresolved deal disputes" rep allowed?

AFAIK every rep that doesn't say 'scammer' without deal dispute link is valid one.

EmperorR! - December 11, 2015, 2:35 am

It's me having many negatives for a single thread, People says you have multiple scam reports :/ ,

shadowc - December 11, 2015, 6:08 am

From how I understood things:

1. You can't say someone is a scammer unless you are the one who was scammed by the member
2. You can't link to a deal dispute thread, same reason as 1.
3. You can't say "has open scam reports" in reps because that counts as invalid scammer reputation.

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NoxusGullotine - December 11, 2015, 6:46 am

(Dec 11, 2015 07:41 AM)Marshall Eriksen Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I believe it is, and you can always check out trust scan to see if the user has deal disputes.

Normal members cannot view trust scan. :S

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That would be a valid rep.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5087741&pid=48891399#pid48891399>

Omniscient - December 11, 2015, 7:26 am

Quote:AFAIK every rep that doesn't say 'scammer' without deal dispute link is valid one.
Not true. Read help doc.

Quote:Is "Deal with caution" or "unresolved deal disputes" rep allowed?
Question is answered in the help doc.

I spent a couple days getting every question asked about policy and making sure it's clear in the [Help Docs](#). You just have to actually read it.

ArtMachine - December 11, 2015, 7:29 am

Thank you for telling us Omni.

Although, I never leave a scammer rep. I just leave "Deal with extreme caution" or "DWC"
I hope that is fine.

PrivateDonut - December 11, 2015, 7:29 am

Can people report reputation abuse on other users profiles? As I have seen a lot of people leave abuse reps on a lot of different profiles.

? Soufian ? - December 11, 2015, 7:38 am

"If abuse does continue it's likely that we will stop allowing members to leave custom comments in all reputations and create canned (previously written) comments."

I think there should just be a "report" button after every reputation, so you can report a reputation.
It'd be unfair if the system would be changed to a pre-written reputation system, just because a few rotten apples like to abuse this system.

I understand your concern, and I know it's a headache and a lot of work to keep removing these reputations and punishing the users who abuse it.

You could just invest 1 week in making this reputation report system, and it'd be way easier for you and your colleagues as well to review reported reputations and take all necessary steps straight from the "report panel".

I was thinking of:

1. User reports a reputation
2. Report appears in an admin panel as "User | Reputation Reason | Button:[Ban user/Delete Rep/Repkill user/Warn user]"
3. You or any other Staff member would just simply click one of the buttons and problem solved.

Custom reputations are really important on this forum, and even if there'd be pre-written reasons, they would still get abused I assume.

Just thought to share my opinion on this case. :)

SIM-1729678 - December 11, 2015, 7:41 am

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Just thought to share my opinion on this case. :)I like your idea. But don't forget the Mentors, they know all the rules (I hope) and they know when it's rep abuse or not so they should also be able to remove reps in that case. As it can be a massacre.

Great Suggestion - December 13, 2015, 7:01 am

I dont believe this is fair because if a non upgraded member gets scammed it goes unheard of. users will want to deal with their scam reports if people leave them a few negative reps. and the way its looking so many people get scammed that, if the community had the right to go in and rep fuck a fag themselves without having to wait and see if the said scammer would be closed this would make it 10x easier to spot a scammer and prevent them from going on a spree. which means less work for omni.

Zyptic - December 13, 2015, 7:04 am

Sound fair to me Omni. Are you able to leave just a link to a scam report in the rep without stating anything else?

Omniscient - December 13, 2015, 4:01 pm

(Dec 13, 2015 08:04 AM)Paramore™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sound fair to me Omni. Are you able to leave just a link to a scam report in the rep without stating anything else?
Only if you're linking to a Deal Dispute thread YOU HAVE CREATED.

Your question is indeed answered in the Help Doc.

Go read it now. Immediately.

?Syria - December 13, 2015, 8:40 pm

I have a question omni is this considered abuse?

" Do not deal with user you might lose your money!"

Omniscient - December 13, 2015, 9:27 pm

(Dec 13, 2015 09:40 PM)?Syria Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have a question omni is this considered abuse?

" Do not deal with user you might lose your money!"

That's borderline abuse but I will remove it.

?Syria - December 14, 2015, 7:14 am

(Dec 13, 2015 10:27 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's borderline abuse but I will remove it.

Okay thanks :)

Dan Smith - December 15, 2015, 8:41 am

(Dec 13, 2015 10:27 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's borderline abuse but I will remove it.

Are you removing other invalid reps now or is this just an isolated case?

Cameron - December 22, 2015, 5:49 am

One question mate.

You closed the member Melty when he scammed myself and a few other members.

<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=2466809>

Since then you've let him rejoin HF on

<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=2858882>

What's the go with leaving the new account a scammer rep? Can I still link the dispute on his new account?

Stylin - September 11, 2016, 2:51 pm

I have a lot of negatives from ubers calling me a scammer when I never even did a deal with them.

Tommy Chong- - September 11, 2016, 2:54 pm

(Sep 11, 2016 02:51 PM)Stylin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have a lot of negatives from ubers calling me a scammer when I never even did a deal with them.

True, these are violating rep policy.

rero2 (332)Negative (-3): scammer be aware. <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4889680>

Sapio (348)Negative (-3): Scammer <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4889680>

Acorns (48)Neutral (0): scammer dont trust <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4889680>

Quote:• Scammer Reputation: You're required to leave a link to a Deal Dispute thread you have created to infer someone is a scammer (ie: scammer, scams, chargebacks, scamming). Please note that a Deal Dispute link must be your own thread you've created. It cannot be a thread opened by another member.

• Deal Dispute Linking: We don't allow you to link to a Deal Dispute forum thread that's opened by another member.

Omniscient - September 11, 2016, 3:17 pm

(Sep 11, 2016 02:51 PM)Stylin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have a lot of negatives from ubers calling me a scammer when I never even did a deal with them.
He never reported it because he knew I'd close his account for ban evasion. Which of course, now I did. This is why I have the policy.

\$anchez\$ - September 12, 2016, 7:15 am

Omni,
How about leaving a scam remark on someone's sales thread with the dispute link.
Is that allowed?

Cammy - September 12, 2016, 10:00 am

(Sep 12, 2016 07:15 AM)\$anchez\$ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omni,
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Is that allowed?
Doesn't that count as sales-trashing?

Yin Yang - September 12, 2016, 10:02 am

Can you make a neutral rep saying DWC and linking to the deal dispute thread that was made?

Cammy - September 12, 2016, 10:04 am

(Sep 12, 2016 10:02 AM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can you make a neutral rep saying DWC and linking to the deal dispute thread that was made?
Not if it's not your own scam report.

Riyu - September 12, 2016, 10:05 am

(Sep 12, 2016 10:02 AM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can you make a neutral rep saying DWC and linking to the deal dispute thread that was made?
If it's not your thread then no

Yin Yang - September 12, 2016, 10:08 am

(Sep 12, 2016 10:05 AM)Riyu Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If it's not your thread then no
Calling someone a scammer and saying DWC aren't the same thing though.

Quote:Someone left me a Deal With Caution reputation, isn't that abuse?
We do not consider DWC (Deal With Caution) reputations abuse by itself. We consider it good advice for all members in all situations when doing deals.

Riyu - September 12, 2016, 10:13 am

(Sep 12, 2016 10:08 AM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Calling someone a scammer and saying DWC aren't the same thing though.Yeah but you're still linking a deal dispute thread. I seen someone get rep killed for it before

Cammy - September 12, 2016, 10:13 am

(Sep 12, 2016 10:08 AM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Calling someone a scammer and saying DWC aren't the same thing though.
Then why did you ask if you're gonna correct us about it afterwards lol?

Yin Yang - September 12, 2016, 10:16 am

(Sep 12, 2016 10:13 AM)Cammy. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Then why did you ask if you're gonna correct us about it afterwards lol?The question was for the forum god himself. But I just want to make sure about it.

\$anchez\$ - September 12, 2016, 10:59 am

(Sep 12, 2016 10:00 AM)Cammy. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Doesn't that count as sales-trashing?
Well people should not use the forum as a medium to scam others. If there is a dispute between me and a fellow I should be able to go to his sales thread and leave a warning so others will deal carefully.

Omniscient - September 12, 2016, 1:29 pm

(Sep 12, 2016 07:15 AM)\$anchez\$ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omni,
How about leaving a scam remark on someone's sales thread with the dispute link.
Is that allowed?
We don't allow sales trashing.

Quote:If there is a dispute between me and a fellow I should be able to go to his sales thread and leave a warning so others will deal carefully.

No, you shouldn't. Because you can create a Deal Dispute thread, leave them a proper reputation, and add an entry into the Deal Dispute Database.

Do you believe you should also be able to PM all his clients, post in all their threads, and create community alerts? I don't care what you believe. We have policy. I will not allow you to harass a member you're having a deal dispute with. We have proper measures which are reasonable.

You want unreasonable? RKO on your account....how does it feel?

jadefalke - September 28, 2016, 12:23 am

as a leet member i got scammed and cannot leave a bad Review for the Scammer, that is kind of odd. (and yes opened of course a Deal Dispute)

Black Shadow - December 14, 2016, 8:18 pm

What about members calling you a scammer in your threads and it has nothing to do with them?

big dick rick - December 14, 2016, 8:22 pm

could you leave a rep such as "DWC, Check UID"?

(Dec 14, 2016 09:18 PM)Black Shadow Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What about members calling you a scammer in your threads and it has nothing to do with them?

the thread is called scammer reputations you fuckwit. I thought this thread was new you bumping fuck.

Blazin - December 14, 2016, 11:37 pm

Seen this happen loads of times. I'm glad this is finally getting some attention. Just because you agree a member was scammed does not give you the right to post scammer on someones profile.

King of Clubs - December 14, 2016, 11:38 pm

(Dec 9, 2015 10:11 AM)Queen Cin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It'd be hilarious if we had canned comments to choose from.

It'd be like Club Penugin, safety chat

I would prefer this to be honest. Would stop false reps and trolling

test - December 14, 2016, 11:41 pm

I have definitely done this before before being corrected by members and advised to remove it. Thanks for clearing this up Omni.

Who exactly? - December 15, 2016, 6:43 am

What about users who left rep who are now banned from Hackforums?

Wakka - December 15, 2016, 6:45 am

(Dec 15, 2016 07:43 AM)Myth Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What about users who left rep who are now banned from Hackforums?

That is irrelevant, their reputation is still valid. Unless they left a scammer reputation that violates policy.

Mr.Peanut VI - December 17, 2016, 1:30 am

Thanks for clearing this shit up my lord <3

skelly76 - December 18, 2016, 3:02 am

This is what I was RK'd for last year. Don't be like me.

'Ben - December 18, 2016, 3:41 am

Does this include DWC or is it for outright calling them scammer?

Suspense - December 18, 2016, 3:43 am

(Dec 18, 2016 04:41 AM)Ben??? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Does this include DWC or is it for outright calling them scammer?

I'm quite sure that DWC reps have never been considered scammer reputations.

'Ben - December 18, 2016, 3:45 am

(Dec 18, 2016 04:43 AM)Suspense Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm quite sure that DWC reps have never been considered scammer reputations.

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LastSession - December 18, 2016, 3:47 am

(Dec 18, 2016 04:45 AM)Ben??? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just want to make sure, been rep killed before, don't need it happening again ?

You'll find the answer here: <https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=20>

?Xe - December 18, 2016, 8:54 pm

I had a quick question, does this rule apply to this rep? :

The story goes that I put a vouch on a thread for a guy who sold servers, I recieved everything the guy promised, because of it someone rep'd me that I vouched for a scammer, when I didn't get scammed.

Yassuo - December 18, 2016, 8:56 pm

Is saying DWC to people not allowed?

Cabo - December 18, 2016, 8:56 pm

(Dec 18, 2016 09:56 PM)deadass Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is saying DWC to people not allowed?
DWC is allowed.

B?ker - December 18, 2016, 8:57 pm

(Dec 9, 2015 10:13 AM)Raymond Reddington Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A lot of accounts closure and repfucks have already been seen for this. Its the time people take it seriously.

Agreed, no need to give someone rep saying they are a scammer just say DWC it's not hard

LastSession - December 19, 2016, 3:38 am

(Dec 18, 2016 09:54 PM)?Xeon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I had a quick question, does this rule apply to this rep?
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The story goes that I put a vouch on a thread for a guy who sold servers, I recieved everything the guy promised, because of it someone rep'd me that I vouched for a scammer, when I didn't get scammed.

Valid reputation.

the wolf of blockchain - December 19, 2016, 9:52 am

(Dec 18, 2016 09:56 PM)deadass Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is saying DWC to people not allowed? You're supposed to dwc anyways

d3vi0s - December 25, 2016, 10:27 pm

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5503984>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5503715>

I've 2 topic report scammer but. they still login to HF Forums . Please banned them and solved for me if can

Riyu - December 25, 2016, 10:28 pm

(Dec 25, 2016 11:27 PM)d3vi0s Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5503984>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5503715>

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Dude you're going to get yourself closed. STAFF DOES NOT GET INVOLVED IN DEAL DISPUTES

We recommend you take the time to read the [HF Help Documents](#) section. The answer to your questions should be contained in there.

Adrian.Lamo - April 25, 2017, 11:30 pm

uid=952566 Armada

Please correct me if I am in wrong section.

This user -ve repped me and abused me wrote that I tried to act like her. I don't even know her. How should I proceed?

I am sure people like them misuse their rep power.

Vince - April 25, 2017, 11:32 pm

(Apr 25, 2017 11:30 PM)Adrian.Lamo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) uid=952566 Armada

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There is nothing you can do. Deal with the rep and move on if you truly aren't impersonating this person outside of HF.

Adrian.Lamo - April 25, 2017, 11:37 pm

(Apr 25, 2017 11:32 PM)Vince? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There is nothing you can do. Deal with the rep and move on if you truly aren't impersonating this person outside of HF.

Thank you so much. I will move on and ignore the things. Thanks for taking time to help me with it.

???? - May 3, 2017, 11:30 am

This is a great policy in my opinion. Take care!

Skrrrt - June 14, 2017, 12:48 pm

There's a lot of invalid reps out there..

Cornel- - June 14, 2017, 12:49 pm

(Jun 14, 2017 12:48 PM)Skrrrt Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There's a lot of invalid reps out there..
I've seen a couple but I don't feel like reporting them because it isn't my place.

Charger - June 14, 2017, 12:55 pm

(Jun 14, 2017 12:49 PM)Cornel- Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've seen a couple but I don't feel like reporting them because it isn't my place.

You can't report it unless it's on you. You can, however, inform the user via PM.

a_idiot - August 12, 2017, 5:47 am

I guess the consequences was enough to deter people from doing such childish thing.

FamousHater - October 3, 2017, 3:21 pm

(Oct 3, 2017 03:06 PM)Gracious Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This user
<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=3461272> left me a scammer rep
<https://hackforums.net/reputation.php?uid=2004095&show=neutral>
and started a scammer thread <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5730080>
without providing any proof.
Please assist me in removal of the false accusation rep.
follow the rules and send him a pm

How do I report an invalid scammer reputation?

We suggest you send them a Private Message informing them of site policy and the consequences unless they alter the reputation within 24 hours. Give them that time to alter it. Do not report the reputation to an admin until that 24 hours has passed. Do not threaten the member in the PM. Instead copy/paste this:

I am sending this PM to you because you've given me an invalid scammer reputation. Policy dictates that I send this text to you. HackForums policy requires that all scammer inferences in reputation require a link to a Deal Dispute forum thread that you have created. Either you didn't leave a link or the link you did leave is to a thread not created by you.