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Thread: [VAC and Game bans apply to all accounts on a phone number](#)

ultr4l33t - April 29, 2016, 2:34 pm

Quote: If an account that has a phone number registered to it receives a VAC or Game ban, all other accounts that use the same phone number will also receive a ban. If the other accounts do not own the game they will still receive the ban and be unable to purchase the title on that account. The phone number on an account that receives a ban will be suspended for three months and cannot be applied to another account during that time. The cooldown duration for applying a phone number after a ban will increase each time a cooldown is applied.

This feature is not enabled for all games and will be used at the discretion of the developer.

https://support.steampowered.com/kb_article.php?ref=7849-RADZ-6869#%20banbyphone

gg

dtown - April 29, 2016, 2:36 pm

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For the lazy.

baka~ - April 29, 2016, 2:38 pm

all these small updates doing nothing special :/

im just mad they wont fix the sound bug that occurs when you minimize your game.. you can hear shots all over the place

Xilia - April 29, 2016, 2:41 pm

Gonna remove fast my number from my Smurfs hahahaha

Frankey - April 29, 2016, 2:42 pm

Lol just buy a new phone number for 10\$ at your local food market? xD Works perfectly. Or use your mothers/fathers/sisters/brother/dogs phone.

?Kill? - April 29, 2016, 2:43 pm

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Menalix - April 29, 2016, 2:46 pm

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Banana - April 29, 2016, 2:54 pm

(Apr 29, 2016 02:43 PM)v7KillStreaker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Your dog has a phone number? :P
Yes and the world is flat too and money grows on trees.

Tyronnn - April 29, 2016, 2:57 pm

Huge thanks OP didn't want to receive a ban and lose any of my skins :)

Frankey - April 29, 2016, 3:00 pm

(Apr 29, 2016 02:43 PM)v7KillStreaker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Your dog has a phone number? :P

Nope, but the dog of my neighbors does have one, at he's back. A old Nokia Brick phone lol

MrFamous - April 29, 2016, 3:26 pm

shit, I didn't know that. thanks for posting about it!

lurkeryuri - April 29, 2016, 3:35 pm

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SIM-1823149 - April 29, 2016, 3:42 pm

(Apr 29, 2016 03:35 PM)lurkeryuri Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) what happens if u linked a account that was already banned

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I'm assuming it only bans the other accounts at the same time the account caught cheating is banned.

"The phone number on an account that receives a ban will be suspended for three months and cannot be applied to another account during that time."

If they did ban accounts simply due to you adding a number that has been used on a VAC banned account, a 3 month cool down seems pointless.

Edit :

https://www.reddit.com/r/GlobalOffensive/comments/4h1ika/counterstrike_global_offensive_update_for_42916/d2mmji4

ultr4l33t - April 29, 2016, 5:44 pm

Quote:To clarify

CS:GO VAC Bans and CS:GO Game Bans will be applied to all accounts that shared the same phone number at the time of the infraction.

Not at the time of the ban.

Sauce:

[https://www](https://www.reddit.com/r/GlobalOffensive/comments/4h1ika/counterstrike_global_offensive_update_for_42916/d2mmji4) .

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Could be too late now for everyone who got already detected but not banned yet

HerpToTheDerp - April 29, 2016, 5:56 pm

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Exactly. Steam is just a money making scam run by Valve tbh. They ban accounts and tell people to rebuy the game they were banned on, on a new account. They basically just do whatever gets them the most money.

TJ888 - April 30, 2016, 12:12 am

I really wonder if this includes Steam Guard, or just accounts linked to your phone number in one way or another (account registration, csgo prime, etc)

As my phone has like 5 accounts linked to the Steam Guard (only link they all have)

Zute - April 30, 2016, 4:20 am

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ultr4l33t - April 30, 2016, 9:22 am

(Apr 30, 2016 04:20 AM)Zute Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You do know that providers recycle phone numbers right, which is the reason Valve does not permanently ban numbers.

how likely will that be? There are million of numbers out there - these few thousand which are banned by steamwont have any impact...

Helmerz - April 30, 2016, 11:30 am

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rezzex - April 30, 2016, 12:01 pm

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Spirichuality - April 30, 2016, 12:05 pm

(Apr 30, 2016 12:01 PM)rezzex Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you remove the Number before you actually get the Ban then you should be safe.

It has to be before the "Infraction" - so ASAP

Inj3ct1on - April 30, 2016, 12:17 pm

so Removing the authentication and phone number on the smurf accounts should do the trick right?

Btw thanks OP for the headsup!