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Thread: [Proof-of-age ID leaked in Discord data breach](#)

MadScientist - October 8, 2025, 7:14 am

Video game chat platform Discord has suffered a data breach, informing users that their personal information – including identity documents of those required to prove their age – were compromised.

The company stated last week that an unauthorised party had compromised one of Discord's third-party customer service providers, leading to the access of "a limited number of users" who had been in contact with the customer service or trust and safety teams.

The data compromised may have included usernames, email, billing information, the last four digits of credit card numbers, IP addresses and messages with customer support.

Discord said the alleged attacker "also gained access to a small number of government ID images (eg driving licence, passport) from users who had appealed an age determination.

Affected users were in the process of being notified as of last week.

"If your ID may have been accessed, that will be specified in the email you receive," Discord said.

The support system was targeted to access user data with a view to extort a financial ransom from Discord, the company stated.

Discord said it revoked the third-party provider's access to its ticketing system and launched an internal investigation, including engaging with law enforcement.

The attack appears to have occurred on 20 September, according to a user who received a notification.

Discord has said it has over 200m active monthly users.

Discord began using facial age assurance to check the age for users in the UK and Australia earlier this year. The company said facial images and ID images "are deleted directly after" ages are confirmed, but Discord's website noted that if verification fails, users can contact the trust and safety team for a manual review.

Under the under 16s social media ban to come into effect on 10 December, the Australian government has outlined that it expects platforms such as Discord – which is one of the platforms that has been asked to assess if it is required to comply – should have multiple options for assessing a user's age, and a way for them to quickly appeal an adverse decision.

Platforms can ask for ID documents as part of the age assurance scheme, but it cannot be the sole method of age assurance offered by the platforms under the policy.

The Australian privacy commissioner confirmed it had been notified about the breach by Discord.

Discord was approached for comment.

Source -

<https://www.theguardian.com/games/2025/oct/07/discord-data-breach-proof-of-age-id-leaked?>

Bastille - October 8, 2025, 7:25 am

It's crazy — knowing the number of trolls hanging around on that platform who will hurry to go look for information, it's been many years since I stopped using my real identity for services like that. France's latest great idea was to require ID/passport verification to access adult sites; you really have to be not very smart to agree to that.

Thanks for the share man, interesting article.

Drizzled - October 8, 2025, 10:25 am

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onlineuser | D3RFER - October 8, 2025, 10:28 am

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Even if there were 0 issues, I don't think it's right for the internet to require proof of age.
I get why... to keep a % of the world safe.

The internet should be like the wild west in the early days... Some die, some thrive, but almost everyone's mostly free.

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Yeah, this is similar to what I am saying I think..

There needs to be a way to verify without sharing personal info, a way to opt-in to sharing personal info, and a way to recover an anonymous ID without revealing ID to a third party.... A government DB makes sense for these reasons, and we would just need to modify our existing systems to

support it.

There could even be temp keys so the ID is not a be-all end-all if stolen (like an SSN can be). For example... go to gov site/app, verify, get temporary access token, share with third party, the third party connects to gov system, and done!

RangoWorld - October 11, 2025, 4:53 am

Discord was known for its bugs back when it started. It seemed like the company had gotten more professional and tighter but they need to be sure of their systems now.

So many kids these days use discord.

Fish - October 12, 2025, 3:04 am

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Oh man, that's wild. I guess you need to outsource somethings...

Drizzled - October 15, 2025, 11:21 am

What's sketchy to me is that Discord is banning people for messages that have nothing to do with age.

Examples of messages triggering bans:

"I'm 5'10"

"I'm 10 weeks into a job"

"I'm 12 miles away"

Are they retarded or purposely handing out bans to collect IDs?

Tyr - October 15, 2025, 11:25 am

Awesome contribution. Thank you.

Prepper - October 15, 2025, 12:46 pm

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kolni - October 16, 2025, 9:54 am

did anyone access the Tg channel with the data?

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"ID me" is a big one and it would make more sense to allow them to handle the ID process. That's where my head has been at... Centralized ID verification with anonymization for most services, and opt-in data sharing if the user wants to. However, this is hard to "guarantee" as someone does have to store the data, somewhere. Rotating keys for data could work, but then it's hard to share with multiple services at the same time. I guess what I'm thinking is a system that lets data be shared with decryption, but then the original data is overwritten with new encrypted data. It would lower the risks of old data (with old keys) being used to leak everything.

ToxicInfliction - October 27, 2025, 9:00 pm

People were warned that the KOSA legislation would be weaponized they did not care. It's all fun and games until people have their kid's and their identities leaked in a pastebin breach. There was opportunity presented by such a legislation. Rather than offering classes for parents being fucking parents now we have to deal with people who can be doxed at any time and stalkers can now do a database search on their targets. THIS is why something that is even put out in positive nature can be used against people. FOR EVER POSITIVE THEREIN, LIES NEGATIVE.

Additionally, centralized ID portals don't prevent hackers from breaching. This isn't a solution at all. The solution is structuring the internet around teaching parents on how to be fucking competent when raising their kids and also how to not be shit abusive parents trying to prevent their child from learning more about the world.

Just look at the breach of the tea app. Although, the fault lies on the third party they used, it doesn't matter what portal you used for ID verification, if it is on the internet someone will target it to get this. Why? Because there is money in it to be made off of unethical, ethical and the middle ground parties to ransom people for money or worse.

Lowkey - October 27, 2025, 9:05 pm

Shocker.

The headline should read: "Low IQ people who either couldn't figure out a way around this or would rather conform further to their governing bodies they believe make their rules have data breached from a practice designed to harvest data to begin with!"

We should all go donate our DNA to Ancestry.com and see what happens.