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Thread: [For people who want to know why "Staff" dont ban scammers.](#)

Pinterest - January 21, 2011, 3:46 pm

Hello, I would like to make a quick short thread informing people why Staff do not ban the Users if there is even sufficient evidence.

When Staff can ban:When the user admits to scamming the user.

When Staff cant ban:If there is a thread report with good evidence.

The reason being is that the members that get banned, can file lawsuits towards staff members or the person who banned them. Which causes alot of stress to people.

Although forums like Sythe and Mixtrend ban the users if they deem evidence is good enough, thats because they know most of their users wouldn't go through the trouble to find a lawyer and such all for being banned on a forum.

Omniscient Wrote:What are you going to do when someone decides to sue you for libel because you've labeled them a scammer without any proof?

Just curious on that because eventually..that's what is going to happen.

This backs up my statement as to why you do not see a lot of Scammers being banned. Its really up to the owners of forums on their desecration whether to take the chance or not.

I know 75-80% of this forum is probably teens in the age of 13-18, but Omni I guess wants to make sure nothing goes wrong as this is a fast growing community.

Hope I answered some peoples question regarding why Staff don't ban members without them admitting to it.

Ramsay448 - January 21, 2011, 3:48 pm

This should be Stickied. Good job Ecto ?

Mankey - January 21, 2011, 3:48 pm

Wow, I have never knew that people can sue like that. Is it even if they are from different Countries? Cause not everyone is from the US

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(Jan 21, 2011 04:48 PM)Mankey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wow, I have never knew that people can sue like that. Is it even if they are from different Countries? Cause not everyone is from the US

Thanks for bringing that question up. It doesnt matter what country they are in I believe but like I

said its all within the Owners discretion whether he wants to take that chance or not.

vaan14 - January 21, 2011, 3:49 pm

seems like you learn something everyday here, lol :D

DeMeR - January 21, 2011, 3:51 pm

Going for a stick? Good job, I never know the reason why.

Techno - January 21, 2011, 3:53 pm

Good thread, this should help some of the newer members who complain.

Grammar Rays - January 21, 2011, 3:56 pm

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(Jan 21, 2011 04:56 PM)Grammar Rays Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice thread, however it may encourage more people to scam once they read this, knowing the probably won't get banned...

Which is why people need to KNOW that before they DO get scammed. Most ub3rs that scam say they cant "risk" their account on HF and blah blah. This needs to be out there, for the better or for the worse.

This should also get people to think twice on how deals should be made and who to trust.

Zyptic - January 21, 2011, 3:58 pm

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Gooples - January 21, 2011, 4:05 pm

People cannot file law suits.

Captain. - January 21, 2011, 4:05 pm

Wow didnt know people took banning that serious to actually get a lawyer :L .

Good Thread should be sticked.

Legit Kid [™] - January 21, 2011, 4:06 pm

SpK is cool, oh fuck now everyone knows im Spk because i spelled the name right. shit

Riseing - January 21, 2011, 4:08 pm

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Pinterest - January 21, 2011, 4:09 pm

(Jan 21, 2011 05:08 PM)Riseing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wait you can sue for getting banned on a fucking forum?

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(Jan 21, 2011 05:03 PM)EctoPlasm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The mod's dont even do anything, its not like they could ban or what not. They can only close/open threads. That's why I said there should at least be 1 Staff just devoted on solving scam reports. Can't believe Omni hasn't applied one yet for that position.

Riseing - January 21, 2011, 4:10 pm

(Jan 21, 2011 05:09 PM)EctoPlasm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Exactly, what most people would say. But believe it or not, owners do not want to risk it. Especially with big forum like this. But most gaming sites do initial a ban on users who have been reported in a legit scam report.

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xbo - January 21, 2011, 4:11 pm

Couldn't it be added in the rules something like:

"If we find sufficient evidence of you trying to scam or blah another member of this forum, we have the right to ban you"

That way when the person accepts the terms and rules, when they get banned they can't sue :P?

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Grillianz - January 21, 2011, 4:23 pm

Anyone who is banned for scamming is not likely to have a legitimate case in court, its dumb to even think that

versx - January 21, 2011, 4:24 pm

Never knew this, great little tutorial EctoPlasm, this should definitely be stickied.

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That sounds like a good argument

Riseing - January 21, 2011, 4:29 pm

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Riseing - January 21, 2011, 4:43 pm

(Jan 21, 2011 05:37 PM)EctoPlasm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Aha, were not fighting more or less were debating. But Believe it or not it is not bullshit.

Oh well I already wrote that into my TOS so at least I won't have this issue.

iolaka - January 21, 2011, 4:49 pm

Thanks for the information. ?

.Infinity - January 21, 2011, 6:13 pm

The user cannot file a law suit on staff for banning them. The user agrees to the Terms of Service when joining this site, which I'm pretty sure include the right to ban a user for no reason.

Libel, however, is another matter.

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narutorine - January 24, 2011, 5:22 pm

Well ecto correct me if I am wrong and I do apologize if I am wrong but dont they also ban because if they ban them they come back with a new account on a vpn or proxy which makes them harder to track down so that way they stay on the scammer acc(well most of them do) and that way people know he is a scammer. I believe that is also another reason beside the one you stated btw good job ;P

Prince of Persia - January 24, 2011, 5:33 pm

Can't he just add something to the T.O.S?

Kn1gh7 - January 24, 2011, 8:05 pm

To tell you the truth, I think this thread should definitely be sticked as it provides a good FAQ for people that have been scammed.

Good job OP.

x?z™ - January 24, 2011, 8:12 pm

Very true. Good job.

Zex.

Drizzy - January 24, 2011, 9:53 pm

LOL OP Got banned by omni. Omni is so funny :)

maplemanha - May 6, 2011, 11:37 pm

And this allows people to freely scam without getting banned?

lamaninja3012 - May 7, 2011, 6:05 am

owhh thats why they dont banned scammers:s

Kantos - August 8, 2011, 11:10 pm

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Taserz - August 8, 2011, 11:39 pm

Can easily ban any boy sellers or anything that is obviously illegal. You can not stand up in court

and say I was selling infected pcs.

xMontage - August 8, 2011, 11:40 pm

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It wasn't about being banned, it's about suing for losses and damages.

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Kantos - August 9, 2011, 12:34 am

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Makes sense, but I doubt they would win in court. Also, they could just get around it by not specifying a ban reason, since Omni reserves the right to ban anyone at anytime. Lastly, it's not HF that's doing the name calling, it's the members. They should take the people who called them scammers to court.

Warlexx - August 9, 2011, 1:04 am

Also,look at this.

[img]<http://screensnapr.com/e/K9zVHr.png>[/img]

Invicta - August 9, 2011, 1:24 am

It makes sense.

That is still stupid as shit though. Scammers need to be labeled scammers, and banned.

SIM-599222 - August 9, 2011, 1:38 am

Wow. I had no clue, thanks for this mate!

KZS - August 9, 2011, 4:14 am

This is stupid they cannot sue.