

Crime Updates Archive

www.southendcdrp.co.uk/crime_updates.php



Police warn Xbox gamers of online scam (26 March 2010)

Police are warning owners of Xbox gaming consoles to be wary of a new scam whereby owners are being asked to hand over passwords in return for gaming 'rewards'.

Gamers have been approached and asked to hand over their 'Xbox Live account' passwords in return for 'Microsoft Points' (the virtual online currency) or for other benefits.

Once the scammer has the password they have control of the account, allowing them to purchase games and other add-ons using credit card details logged to the account.

The original owner will then find they have been locked out of their account and are unable to play.

Lorna Watson, Essex Police Crime Reduction Officer, said: "Please keep your Xbox safe by never revealing your password to other gamers, no matter how attractive the incentive seems. You won't go to the next level but may find yourself locked out the next time you try to play.

"This is an international scam so please pass the warning to all your online friends."

For more information on how to stay safe when using an Xbox console, visit Microsoft's 'Account Security' website at - Xbox.com | Account Security for Xbox LIVE