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Safe on the Internet - digital services in the data protection check
on Safer Internet Day 2019

The Bavarian State Office for Data Protection Supervision (BayLDA) will deal with a special
participate in their testing campaign on Safer Internet Day (SID) on February 5, 2019 and
scrutinize net services. The aim is to determine whether the
Websites that are accessed by millions of German citizens every day
handle user passwords. The results of the investigation will be
subsequently published on the BayLDA website.

Cyber security at Safer Internet Day 2019

Under the motto "Together for a better internet", the Safer Internet Day offers many institutions the
ability to start their own activities and contribute to a secure Internet. As part of the initiative
"Data protection goes to school" by the professional association of data protection officers in Germany (BvD) e.V.
the BayLDA is once again participating in awareness-raising events for schoolchildren at the SID 2019. This is it
in particular to provide information on the topics of password protection, social networks and self-portrayal on the Internet.
The aim is to show young users what to look out for online and how to
protects his various accounts - and thus his digital identity - as well as possible.

The security of a user account with an online service with all the personal information stored there
However, onen does not depend solely on whether a user is aware and chooses a strong password, but
also on whether the company handles the user's data just as responsibly. The BayLDA

will therefore participate in the SID with another, more extensive campaign in addition to the recommendations for users:
Online services, which are called up by millions of German users every day, should be improved in terms of their security
must be examined more closely.

Although the BayLDA normally, due to its responsibility for the non-public area, websites by Bavarian companies, it also examines online offers outside of the Bavarian state border. A selection of the Internet services most used in Germany is presented on their Safety examined, regardless of the location of the responsible company. In the data protection check "Cyber security" the BayLDA controls how well the respective online service protects the digital identity of its users protects. At least 20 prominent web services are selected for this, which have a top position in the ranking of the most visited or top-selling websites in Germany.

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In addition to the cyber security campaign, the BayLDA checks other websites to see whether users are transparent the integration of third-party providers, in particular tracking tools, on the website and whether a effective consent is obtained. The focus is on so-called cookie banners, which are usually neither block scripts from tracking tools nor the requirements for an admissible consent according to the comply with GDPR. At least 30 of the top websites of Bavarian companies are examined.

With the two data protection checks "cyber security" and "information", the BayLDA would like to whether the "big" websites in particular meet the requirements of the GDPR for the protection of user data implement accordingly. On February 5, 2019, once the investigations have been completed, the BayLDA will provide the most important information

Information on the results of these tests is available on its website:

www.lida.bayern.de

President of the BayLDA, Thomas Kranig, comments on the scheduled action as follows: "Reports on the publication

The publication of password lists on the Internet is no longer a rarity. Various websites have

reit specialized in offering services where users can check themselves whether their own login data

circulate on the net. So the legitimate question arises as to how well the security of online

offers is ordered. With our special campaign on Safer Internet Day we want to strengthen our cyber security

offensive and emphasize that cyber security is not only important, but also a legal requirement

tion from the data protection world. However, our test is intended to serve more than just gaining knowledge as to whether a

Online service adequately protects the access data of the users. Rather, we come to our obligation as

According to the data protection supervisory authority, compliance with data protection law by those responsible also specifically

check. For Bavarian websites where we identify violations of the GDPR through this check,

we will approach the responsible companies directly. If a violation is serious, threatens

fine proceedings against those responsible. For the other web services that are outside our responsibility

move, we will carry out the test including a report of the results in the event of violations to the responsible data protection authority

pass it on so that measures can be taken there."

Thomas Kranig

president