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If someone accesses and publishes these records, even without your consent, they may not be doing anything illegal.

Doxxing can be illegal if someone publishes information that isn't in the public record, such as your bank account information, credit card numbers, or birth certificate.

Doxxing of any kind is prohibited by Twitch's Community Guidelines — even if the perpetrators only expose information available via the public record.

If your personally identifiable information (PII) is released on Twitch without your consent, you can file a report and we will investigate and enforce against the doxxer if appropriate.

If your PII is exposed by a Twitch user on a different platform, please report that content and the account to the platform in question.

Unless there is a clear and credible violent threat, we are only able to investigate and take action against doxxing incidents that occur on our service at this time.

Because each person’s PII is unique, leveraging proactive detection to prevent doxxing is difficult.

However, there are several ways we can work together to keep you safe both on and off Twitch.

Don't Wait Until Something Goes Wrong

It can be easy to forget to take proper precautions when things are going well, but it's important to be proactive when it comes to protecting your identity online and IRL.

While there is no guaranteed way to prevent being doxxed, there are some strategies you can use to reduce your risk: Search yourself online to understand what information about you is readily available.

This includes your social media, as well as public records, birth and marriage certifications, criminal history, and real estate transactions.

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Some law enforcement agencies maintain a registry where residents can communicate swatting concerns to their local 911 Center.

If no registry exists, you may be able to establish a personal swatting protocol.

Swatting can be dangerous and highly distressing.

If you or someone you know are struggling after being targeted, please seek help from a medical professional or visit our page on Crisis Prevention for a non-exhaustive list of resources that can offer support.

Stalking and Other IRL Threats While the vast majority of doxxing doesn't escalate into real-world harm, in rare cases, information exposed online through doxxing can be used to contact, intimidate, or threaten you in person.

Stalking and making violent threats are violations of Twitch's Community Guidelines, and can be reported via the reporting tool.

If you've been threatened or feel your physical safety is at risk, reach out to your local law enforcement agency immediately so they can take action to protect you.

They will also be able to submit a request for data from Twitch and other service providers to aid in their investigations.

Please note that Twitch is not able to reach out to local law enforcement on your behalf, but we have a dedicated team of professionals who support law enforcement investigations around the globe.

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