Think only you has access to your mobile and it's contents?

Think that the threat of viruses, spyware, and malware won't affect your mobile phone? Think again!

Your phone is not just a phone, it's basically a mini computer and that's just the way you should think about it, a computer. And like any desktop or laptop computer, your mobile phone is just as vulnerable to internet attacks.

Mobile security threats are rapidly evolving and come in many forms. It is not just your home or business PC that is at risk anymore, it's also your mobile phones, and other similar handheld devices.

Security specialists like Kaspersky and McAfee have reported that mobile operators, globally, are experiencing more mobile malware attacks than ever before, and spending more time and money on recovering from these attacks.

With more and more "smartphones" being brought to market each year, more of us are changing our phones to the latest and greatest models available. This in turn means that the latest models come with the latest technological features. However, many people do not seem to think that there is any issue of "mobile security" with little or no chance of downloading any type of virus or malware to their phones and therefore do not consider it necessary to take any action to protect it. This is what most people believed when the internet first appeared way back in the early 1990's.Although the internet was in it's infancy then, there were not very many viruses and other threats in circulation, but things changed very quickly. No-one would even consider purchasing a laptop or desktop PC now without also having some form of internet security loaded onto it. So then, why do so many people not consider mobile security software for their phones ?

If your phone is GPS capable (and there are not many that aren't) then you could be at risk, especially if you use your mobile to browse the internet. With the advent of mobile broadband,we are living in a world where internet connection through a mobile phone will soon

become the norm. It would be advisable therefore to get some mobile security software protection.

Many people keep so much personal information on their mobile device that to losing that information would cause a serious impact in either their business or personal life. Not only contacts, banking information, pin codes and text messages, but also includes more personal things like photographs and videos. Would you really want to put all that at risk?

Like the internet threats of the early 1990's, mobile security threats may only be in their infancy at the moment, but they are growing rapidly. I genuinely believe that it wouldn't be going to far to say that in the next 12 to 24 months there will be not only be a requirement to have mobile security software on your mobile phone, but that it will be a necessity.

In addition to the online threats from the internet, there is also the consideration that your phone may be stolen or lost. The mobile security software can also assist in this area should this unfortunately ever happen to you, as not only will the software protect your phone whilst online, but it has the added advantage of specialized "anti-theft" features too. The software can even geographically locate your phone for you should you ever lose or misplace it.

The price of mobile security software is relatively low, especially considering what the cost of a new phone would be should you become a victim of theft. In many ways it is better than having an insurance policy for your phone, as the software doubles up as both internet security and anti-theft.

For the small outlay that the mobile security software is going to cost you, is it really worth not having it on your phone?

Mobile security, is it a real risk? Well, if it isn't a huge one right now, in my opinion it will be in the future.

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