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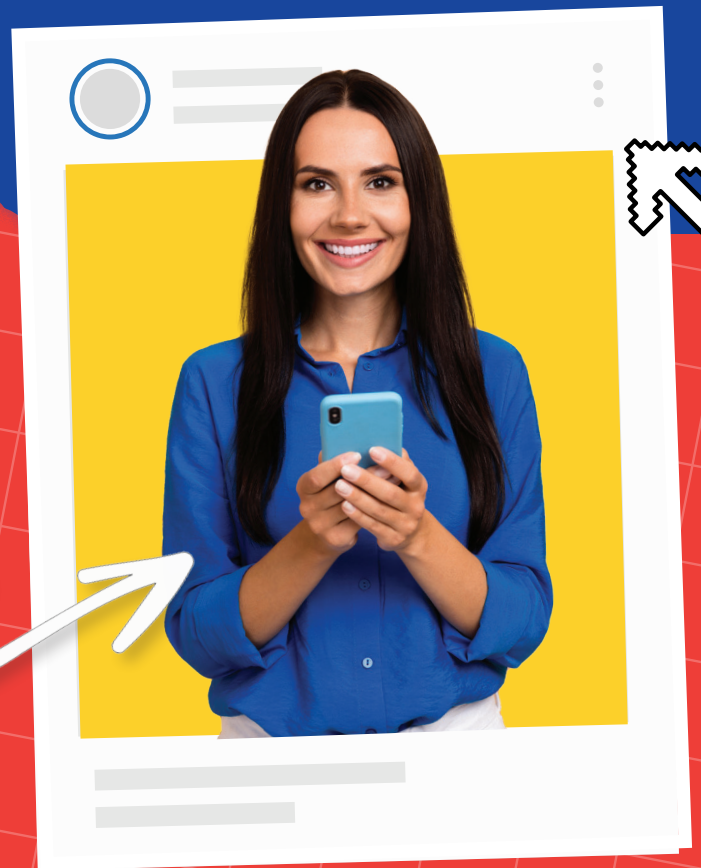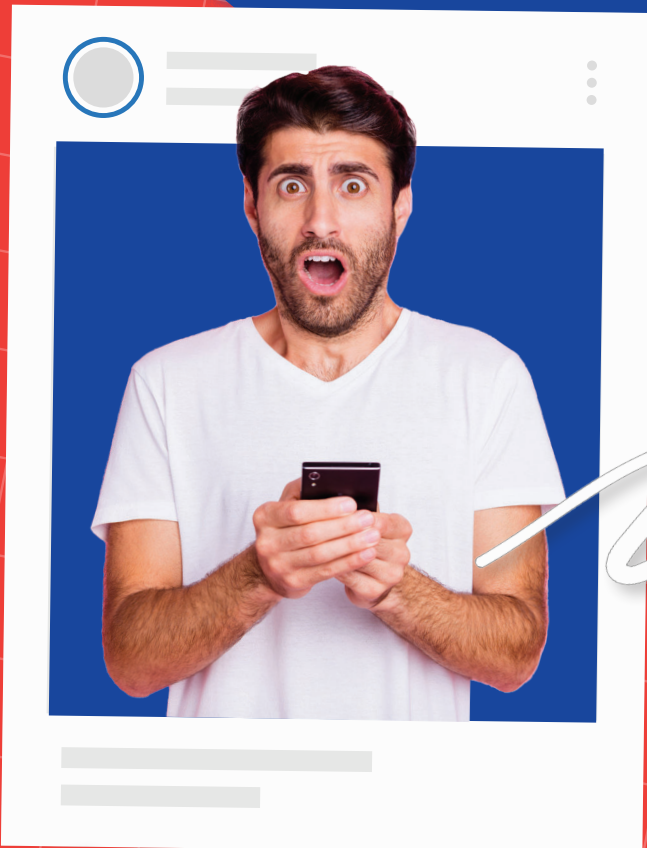
SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

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INTRODUCTION

Social media has transformed the way we do business and connect with the communities in our lives.

For businesses, it's a crucial marketing and customer engagement tool. For individuals, it's a platform that connects them to a global audience and opens avenues of new experiences and learnings.

While social media continues to reshape our communication, collaboration and commerce, it's important to acknowledge that it also has exposed us to vulnerabilities that jeopardize our safety, privacy and general well-being.

In this eBook, we'll explore the impact of social media and uncover the safety challenges that businesses and individuals face. We'll also shed light on the strategies that will empower you to navigate the digital realm safely.

We aim to equip you with the knowledge and insight you need to transform vulnerability into strength and ensure business success.

STRENGTHENING SECURITY
through social media safety

Social media is essential for your business's success. Your business depends on it and so do your loyal customers. That's why enhancing your social media safety and strengthening your business security is important.

Think of social media safety as an invisible net protecting your brand, employees and customers.

Sadly, many businesses lack effective social media safety practices. While they might be quick to adapt to the latest viral social media trends, they're unsure how to improve their cybersecurity.

Cybercriminals know this and look for vulnerabilities in your social accounts so they can exploit them to steal your money or sensitive data. For the safety and security of your business, it is important to understand that the online world is ever-evolving and can be complicated.

In the next chapter, we'll show you how your actions online can impact your business. We are confident that understanding the potential consequences will help you strengthen your business security and ensure your social accounts remain safe from cyberattacks.

Potential Business
IMPACTS AND CONSEQUENCES

Social media can be a gateway for hackers to cause financial and reputational damage to your business via:

DATA BREACHES AND PRIVACY CONCERNS

Cybercriminals love your data. If you're careless while sharing personal information online or if you mishandle customer data on social media, you open the doors to data breaches and privacy concerns.

PHISHING SCAMS

Often, scammers use social media to convince individuals and employees of organizations to share sensitive information, which can be used for stealing money.

BRAND IMPERSONATION

Hackers can easily create fake accounts that look like your business accounts to trick your customers into sharing information that can be used to steal their money. While most brand impersonation attacks affect customers, the incident can damage your reputation and brand image.

SOCIAL ENGINEERING SCAMS

Cybercriminals closely monitor all the information shared on social media and businesses so they can use your sensitive personal information, location history and even employment details to carry out highly sophisticated social engineering scams.

MALWARE ATTACKS

Your audience trusts and follows your business's social media accounts. Cybercriminals can launch malware attacks by hacking into your account, leading to potential data breaches and financial damage. For businesses like yours, these attacks can be devastating.

BEST PRACTICES FOR STAYING SAFE

Being aware of social media risks will help you be more vigilant. Consider proactively implementing the following best practices to enhance your business security:

>> Always use robust passwords that are unique and can't be cracked easily. Additionally, enable two-factor authentication (2FA) for enhanced protection.

>> Periodically review your privacy settings for both business and individual social media accounts.

>> Be cautious while receiving message requests from unknown or suspicious social media accounts.

>> Never share sensitive personal information or login credentials with suspicious profiles.

>> Never click on links or download attachments from unknown social media accounts.

>> Always use official app stores to download social media apps.

>> Avoid following fake or malicious accounts. Verify the authenticity by looking it up on the official website.

>> Regularly monitor all your social media accounts for suspicious activities or login attempts.

>> Never access social media accounts using unsecured public networks, as hackers can steal your data.

>> Activate biometric authentication besides passcodes to protect your device from unauthorized access in case of theft or loss.

>> Regularly update security patches to ensure your systems are protected.

>> Actively monitor social media accounts for brand impersonation or fake profiles.

>> Implement a well-defined social media usage policy for employees to help protect your business assets and other sensitive information.

STAY AHEAD OF THREATS

In today's business landscape, the growth of your business depends on how efficiently you can leverage social media. That's why you must stay vigilant and take action against vulnerabilities that threaten your social media and business safety.

However, implementing cybersecurity best practices on your own can be overwhelming.
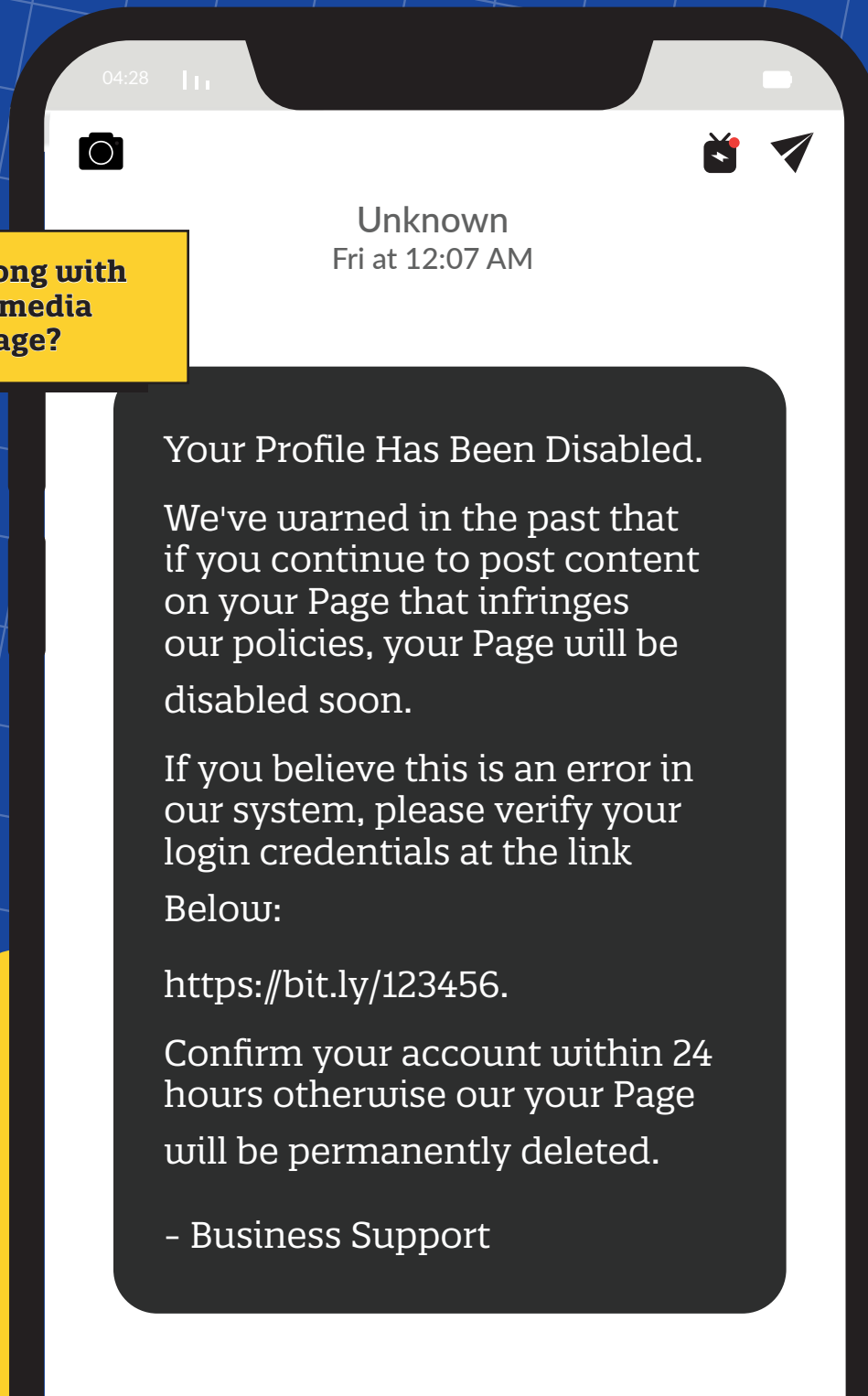
Contact our cybersecurity experts now and we'll help you stay ahead of social media threats while ensuring your business and employees are protected.

SPOT THE RED FLAGS

Can you find the red flags in this social media message?

What's wrong with this social media alert message?

04:28

Unknown
Fri at 12:07 AM

Your Profile Has Been Disabled.

We've warned in the past that if you continue to post content on your Page that infringes our policies, your Page will be

disabled soon.

If you believe this is an error in our system, please verify your login credentials at the link

Below:

https://bit.ly/123456.

Confirm your account within 24 hours otherwise our your Page

will be permanently deleted.

- Business Support

WORD SCRAMBLE

Use the hints to unscramble the words.
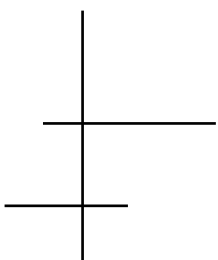
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HINT: Allows users to determine who can see their posts and activities.

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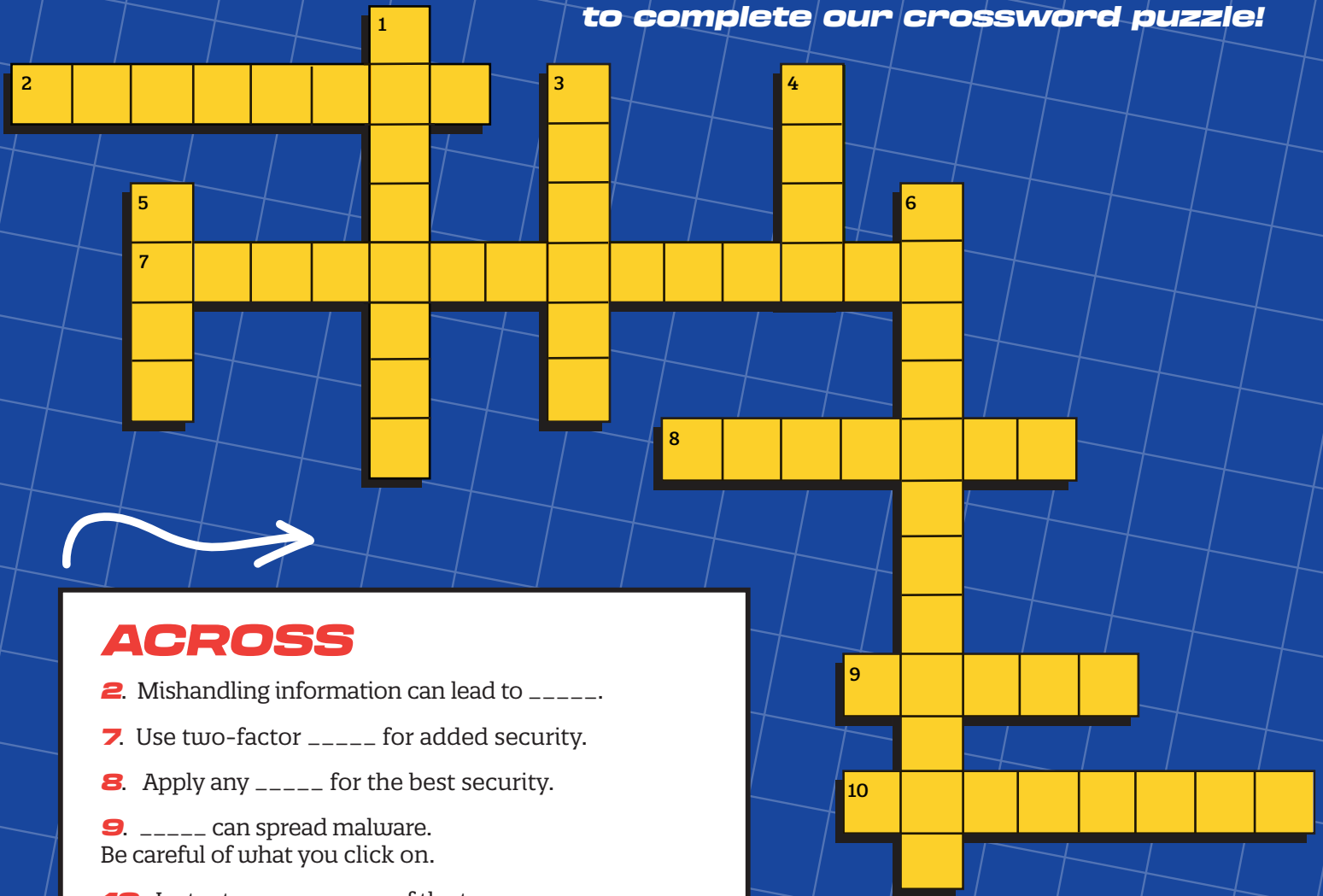**HINT:** Fraudulent accounts that may cause reputational damage.

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HINT: Adding location information to posts or photos can be exploited by cybercriminals to track movements and habits.

CROSSWORD

Guess all ten social media safety terms based off the definitions below to complete our crossword puzzle!

ACROSS

2. Mishandling information can lead to _____.

7. Use two-factor _____ for added security.

8. Apply any _____ for the best security.

9. _____ can spread malware.
Be careful of what you click on.

10. Instant _____ are one of the top ways that scammers hijack accounts.

DOWN

1. Watch out for suspicious friend _____.

3. Always _____ before you accept anything.

4. It's best not to use public _____ to access your social media profiles.

5. Beware of _____ profiles.

6. You should always watch out for _____ posts in your social media feed.

WORD SEARCH

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X  F  L  M  T  P  V  H  I  W  X  M  E  S  K
T  W  G  X  I  R  H  S  P  P  A  G  Y  R  D
L  E  I  F  A  O  T  A  Y  A  A  A  K  Y  X
J  I  U  N  B  E  V  E  R  T  K  H  I  M  O
K  A  L  B  K  O  I  V  O  M  A  E  K  D  V
G  P  D  X  C  V  F  B  D  V  I  L  O  F  I
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V  V  S  C  S  D  A  T  V  O  S  N  T  N  I
H  A  C  K  E  R  Z  J  Y  O  Z  I  A  G  V
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CLICKBAIT   **PHISHING**
SABOTAGE   **DECOY**
HACKER   **SPYWARE**
PHARMING   **VIRUS**

ACTIVITIES KEY ✱✱✱

SPOT THE RED FLAGS

There are multiple red flags throughout, including:

1. Poor grammar
2. Demand for urgent action
3. Suspicious link
4. Generic message
5. Unknown sender

WORD SCRAMBLE

PRIVACY SETTINGS

IMPERSONATION

GEOTAGGING

CROSSWORD

DOWN

1. Requests
3. Verify
4. Wi-Fi
5. Fake
6. Unauthorized

ACROSS

2. Breaches
7. Authentication
8. Updates
9. Links
10. Messages

WORD SEARCH

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X F L M T P V H I W X M E S K
T W G X I R H S P P A G Y R D
L E I F A O T A Y A A A K Y X
J I U N B E V E R T K H I M O
K A L B K O I V O M A E K D V
G P D X C V F B D V I L O F I
E S V X I E A L R P T N W P P
L R Z R L S I E S U G B G P R
T D A Q C L C Z T C S E O H E
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