

## Dark Web Research

Cyber criminals are stealing credentials using a wide range of techniques, tactics and procedures. The compromised data has a variety of uses and enables attackers to breach organisations and steal sensitive information. All it takes is one stolen username and password to gain access to a business' infrastructure to cause havoc or steal financial information.

Stolen credentials are often sold on the Dark Web – a hidden internet setup for criminals and hackers. There are now tools available to search the Dark Web to see if your details are listed.

Head to <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> and enter your email address to start the search.

The best practices to protect your organisation from an attack using stolen credentials are:

1. Ensure you have a robust password policy with regular forced password changes.
2. Educate your staff to not use their work email to sign up for personal web-based services.
3. Be smart about your passwords – don't re-use the same password on every website.
4. Activate Multi-Factor Authentication where available for all web-based services.