



Safety Tips On Instant Messenger - Watch Out for SPIM!

What is it? SPIM is SPAM on instant messenger – it is quite common but a lot of young people do not know what it is.

It could appear as a conversation box looking just like a message from someone you already know or a new contact. SPIM often involves someone or a site called PARIS. People can sometimes send it to each other without even knowing.

If you think you or an IM contact have SPIM it is best to change your password first and tell other people to do the same in case you are all sending it to each other without knowing. If that doesn't work, you may need to delete your account and start again.

Never reply to SPIM. If you receive SPIM click on the red cross to get rid of the conversation window. Even a reply asking them to go away will let the SPIM know your account is active. This would mean you are likely to get more SPIM.

(advice from ThinkuKnow)