

TripAdvisor: E-mail addresses stolen in data breach

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If you use TripAdvisor you may soon be getting more spam. The travel site told customers in an e-mail today that someone had breached its network and stolen e-mail addresses for an undisclosed number of its members.



"This past weekend we discovered that an unauthorized third party had stolen part of TripAdvisor's member email list," Steve Kaufer, co-founder and chief executive, wrote in e-mail. "We've confirmed the source of the vulnerability and shut it down. We're taking the incident very seriously and are actively pursuing the matter with law enforcement."

He did not divulge how many e-mail addresses were exposed, but said it was "only a portion of all member e-mail addresses." Meanwhile, passwords remained secure, he said, adding the site does not collect credit card or financial information and does not sell or rent its member list.

In [an FAQ](#) on the TripAdvisor site the company said it is still investigating the incident and could not say when it occurred.



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