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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - April 10, 2020



With more Floridians than ever before working from home and holding virtual meetings, a new trend called Zoombombing is emerging. This week, I issued a Consumer Alert to warn Floridians of this new threat to online privacy.

Zoombombing occurs when hackers hijack internet video conferences, like those offered by the fast-growing platform Zoom. These hackers often present inappropriate or offensive material or otherwise disrupt the conference.

It is not a joke and what is even more concerning is children are susceptible to this privacy hack as students are now using video conferencing to learn virtually in order to stop the spread of COVID-19—students like my very own son.

Thankfully, there are steps you can take to increase privacy and prevent Zoombombing. Steps like:

- Create separate passwords for each virtual meeting;
- Establish a Zoom waiting room for meeting participants;
- Lockdown the meeting once everyone invited to attend has joined; and
- Do not publicly post meeting links on social media or any other public forum.

Zoom also offers privacy setting for an additional level of protection. To enable the extra security features, hosts should click on the settings menu, scroll down to “screen sharing,” find “who can share?” Then click on “host only.” Save the changes.

My Office has reached out to Zoom to learn more about its encryption efforts and other proactive

steps the company is taking to better protect users.

These are just some of the steps we are taking to protect Floridians as we work together to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. For a more comprehensive list visit [MyFloridaLegal.com](https://www.MyFloridaLegal.com).

Stay safe, Florida.

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