

# It's time you should cover the phone's front camera and this is the reason

Selfie cameras on smartphones can be used by hackers as an image tracking tool.

Not long ago, the idea of covering laptop webcams was considered by many to be redundant and unnecessary. But when Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg accidentally revealed a laptop stuck with a camera and microphone when showing off his office, many people changed their minds. Not many people have followed the cautious actions of Facebook boss.

According to Mashable, many security experts believe that the camera and microphone of laptops are becoming targets for hackers to record private images of users.





Mark Zuckerberg showed off Instagram's achievements in 2016, we can see webcams and audio jacks on his computer covered by tape. Photo: Zuckerberg.

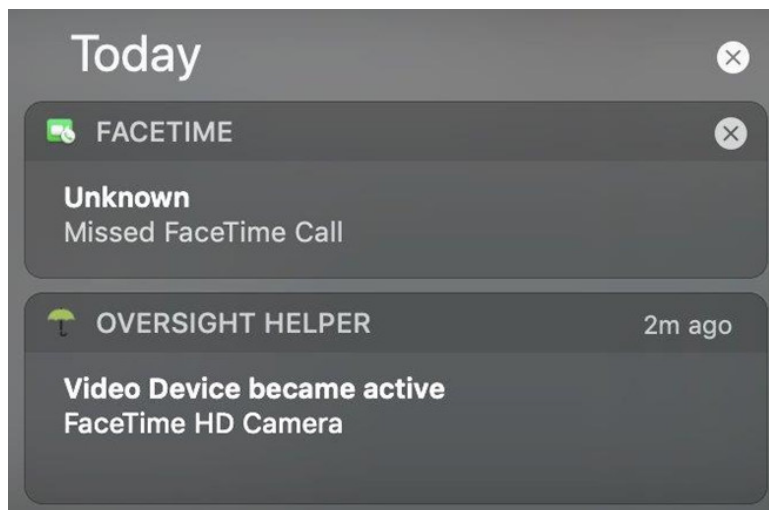
Synack's security researcher, Patrick Wardle, once discovered the malicious code, Fruitfly, was designed to track users through webcams, it works smoothly on Mac computers without anyone knowing.

And selfie cameras on smartphones, mobile devices running on different operating systems than computers, are no exception.



If you don't want hackers to see everything, you should cover the selfie camera on your smartphone.  
Photo: Getty.

Apple, the technology firm that is committed to user privacy, has also stunned the iOS community when it detects the existence of serious errors on FaceTime, making iPhone users able to hear and observe people. They are contacting even if the person has not accepted the call.



The error on FaceTime allows the caller to hear the other party clearly without accepting it. Photo: Patrick Wardle.

For many people, smartphones are an isolated object, always carrying with them who use them in the bathroom, toilet or when doing private things. And one thing that almost no user thinks of is the selfie camera on a smartphone that can be used by hackers as an image tracking tool.

According to the warning of security experts, users especially women always face the risk of being monitored and collecting real-life images. Completely removing the camera is not possible because the selfie feature is one of the things that users love most on smartphones. Therefore, users should use mobile stickers to temporarily disable selfie cameras. You can re-paste when not using the camera and remove them when taking photos.

Covering such smartphone camera is a bit inconvenient and loses device aesthetics, so if you don't use the sticker, be careful to avoid directing the phone when you're doing something private.

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