

# TripAdvisor email list hacked, passwords secure

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"We've confirmed the source of the vulnerability and shut it down,"

Kaufer said.

"Only a portion of all member email addresses were taken, and all member passwords remain secure," he said, adding that members may receive unsolicited emails, or [spam](#), following the break-in.

"Unfortunately, this sort of data theft is becoming more common across many industries, and we take it extremely seriously," Kaufer said. The company has taken it up with [law enforcement](#), he said.

In a statement on the TripAdvisor website, TripAdvisor said it was taking additional security precautions to prevent another incident in the future.

[TripAdvisor](#), an Expedia brand, provides reviews and advice on hotels, flights, vacation packages and other services.

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