

Cybercriminals Seize Olympic Opportunity

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It is estimated that more than [one billion people will be tuned into the 2012 Olympic Games](#)—on televisions, PCs, tablets, and mobile devices. To a cybercriminal, that equates to a huge opportunity. With so many people searching for similar information, Internet criminals are able to target a much larger population of people. And because of how integrated social media and technology are in this year's games, Internet users are more at risk than ever before.

There are several tactics that cybercriminals are expected to employ during the games:

- *Viruses & [Malware Applications](#)*: Olympic related pop-ups and advertisements; don't click on anything that looks suspicious—even if the headline is enticing.
- *Third-Party Apps*: Thousands of mobile and tablet users will be downloading apps to enhance their Olympic experience. Be sure only to download apps from trusted sources.
- *Olympic Related Tweets*: Tweets that link to viruses. Avoid clicking on Olympic-related links found on Twitter.
- *Black Hat SEO Methods*: Cybercriminals will attempt to use illegal SEO tactics to get infected links to the top of search results.
- *Email Hacking*: Be careful of clicking on Olympic videos or photos through your email, even if it's sent to you by a friend; their account may have been compromised.

Internet criminals are often unaware of the seriousness of their actions until it's too late. Courts do not take [Internet crimes](#) lightly and punish them harshly. If you or someone you know has been convicted of an Internet crime in Arizona, a Phoenix criminal attorney can help. It's unfortunate when tech-savvy, computer geniuses compromise their potential with a criminal conviction.

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