



Title: **Online Scams, Cons and Crimes and How to Avoid Them**
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Description: Imagine yourself wandering through a crowded city in which you know only a handful of people. As you walk, you are passing out folders to passersby and they are passing you folders in return. These folders contain personal photos, birth dates, details about where people work, where their children attend school, when and where they are vacationing, and volumes of other information. In the wired and wonderful world of the Internet, this scenario is happening every day. In most cases, it's harmless; in too many it is anything but.

In this presentation, Chris Durst will discuss the escalating number of scams, cons and crimes on the Internet, and simple steps you can take to protect yourself, from being harmed online.

Speaker: Christine Durst founded the Virtual Assistance industry in 1995, designed the first virtual-careers training programs for the US State Department and the Armed Forces, and speaks regularly at the Foreign Service Institute before audiences from US embassies and consulates internationally.

Durst is the co-founder and CEO of Staffcentrix, LLC – a Woodstock, Connecticut based company that specializes in promoting entrepreneurship and Telework through a variety of training programs.

Chris appears regularly on CNN as an Internet fraud and safety expert, and has appeared on ABC News 20/20 after aiding their investigative team in a 9-month investigation of a work-at-home scam that was draining millions of dollars a month from consumers.

She aided the Federal Trade Commission in “Operation Shortchange” – an investigation that resulted in the filing of suits against over a dozen scam organizations. Chris has also briefed the FBI on an international scam that is rooted in Cyprus and Brazil, and has ties into the United States’ mid-west.

Named “America’s Ultimate Work at Home Expert” by Woman’s World Magazine, Chris has appeared in/on The Today Show, Good Morning America, Business Week, Fortune Magazine, MSNBC, Fox Business, Forbes, USA Today, The Washington Post, and many others.

Chris is also the co-author of the bestselling book, The 2-Second Commute, and Work at Home Now (November 2009; Career Press).

Durst is a Connecticut native, born and raised in the “Quiet Corner” of the northeast. Her son is in the US Air Force, and her daughter attended the University of Vermont where she is studying elementary education.

Dinner: Choose from Prime Ribs of Beef Au Jus, Chicken Parmesan, or Broiled Salmon. Soup, salad and dessert are included.

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm Reception
7:00pm - 8:00pm Dinner
8:15pm - 9:00pm Presentation

Location: Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT (www.hawthorne-inn.com)

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