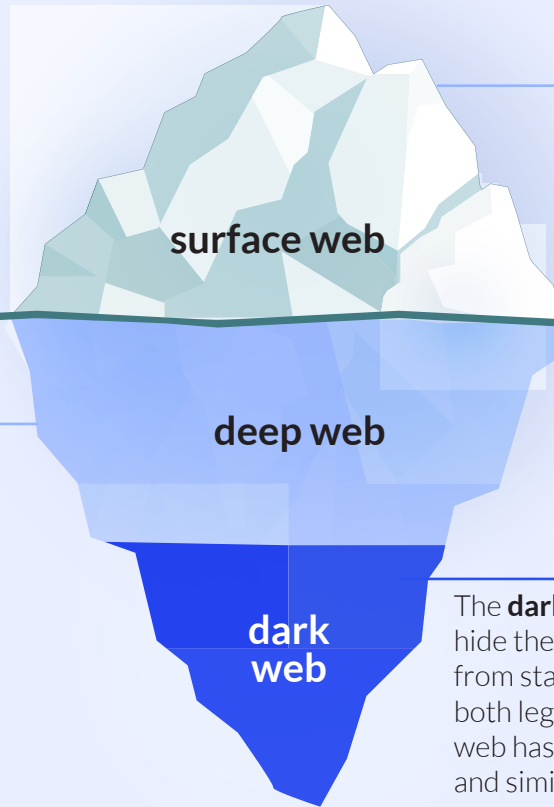




The Dark Web

What is the dark web?

The internet can be broken down into three layers:



The **surface web**, which is content that is easily accessible from everyday websites and browsers.

The **deep web**, home to private and secure portals, like your bank and healthcare accounts.

The **dark web**, a series of websites that hide their IP address and are not accessible from standard internet browsers. Used for both legal and illegal purposes, the dark web has become infamous for identity theft and similar cybercrimes.

The dark web is used to buy and sell drugs, weapons, pornography, and personally identifiable information such as credit/debit card data, usernames, passwords, etc. The dark web is the #1 marketplace where stolen identities are bought and traded. If you were the victim of a data breach, your exposed data would likely be sold here.

What is dark web monitoring?

Dark web monitoring is the search for and surveillance of personal information on the part of the web that isn't normally accessible. This type of monitoring isn't something that you can easily do yourself as the dark web requires a special web browser to find—it's hidden from the search engines that you would typically use.

You can protect your identity by enrolling in an identity theft protection plan that provides monitoring of your personally identifiable information across the internet, including the dark web.

IDShield can monitor your personally identifiable information across the dark web, including email addresses, usernames and passwords, credit card information and even your mother's maiden name. IDShield constantly scans all levels of the internet and will alert you if your monitored information is exposed. In the event of identity theft, IDShield's Licensed Private Investigators will restore your identity to its pre-theft status.

If you are not enrolled in IDShield, you can enroll during your employer's next open enrollment period.

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