



How to help Authorities Sorting out Covid19-related Registrations

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Registry – Government relationship in a Crisis

Timeline:

- 13 March - First day of lockdown.
- 14 March - The Danish National Police contacts us and we enter into an agreement about daily supply of a list of new registrations.
- 25 – 30 March - Three court orders on seizure of domain name received.
- 4 May - Registrant data disclosed to the police on request.

Cooperation and mutual understanding

- DK Hostmaster supplies the Danish National Police with a list of newly registered .dk domain names every day (and the National Center of Cyber Security also by the way) .
- This is done with the explicit and mutually accepted purpose of enabling the police to make the assessment whether
 - a registration is in some way linked to crime or potential infringement of any kind relating to the present Covid19 pandemic and
 - as a result of that secure evidence and conduct investigation.
- The registry has furthermore established a process to act quickly when contacted by LEA or NRA.
- General awareness always top of mind 😊

What the authorities are looking for

- Registration of domains names similar to public – and especially – health authorities' domain names.
- Cases of domain names being used in connection with NemID (the Danish electronical identification system) fraud and phishing.
- “Fake webshops”

... and in a few cases it has to do with .dk domain names 😊



Keep the balance

- Even in a crisis the police and judicial system are still the ones competent to evaluate if online content is illegal.
- Measures must still be proportionate – not just to the severity of a crisis, but also in relation to the suitability of the measure to actually manage the problem.

