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Be careful with your apps, too

You only ever obtain apps for your mobile device from the AppStore or PlayStore? That's good – you should still remain wary there as well, though!

Criminals certainly don't shrink from infiltrating these stores with apps containing malware. The "Harley" Trojan (https://www.heise.de/news/Trojaner-Harly-im-Play-Store-mit-mehr-als-4-8-Millionen-Downloads-7273522.html) for instance managed to cause 4.8 million infections this way. This malware masquerades as a legitimate app, but subscribes to fee-based services in the background.

How to protect yourself and your mobile devices:

- You should generally only ever install apps from the official store (PlayStore or AppStore).
- Only ever install antivirus apps by well-known manufacturers, and make sure that these are official apps by reviewing the number of times they were downloaded and looking at their reviews.
- Install only apps you actually need, and de-install any apps you don't need (any longer).
- Restrict access rights for each respective app to the absolute minimum.
- Make absolutely sure to use an antivirus app on your Android devices.