

# IS MY WORDPRESS WEBSITE HACKED?

## 7 SIGNS OF AN INFECTION



### 1. YOUR HOMEPAGE IS DIFFERENT

The primary goal of some hacks is to troll a website in an attempt to gain notoriety. So they only change your homepage to something they find funny or to leave a "hacked by" calling card.



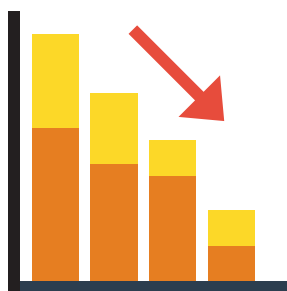
### 2. YOUR WEBSITE PERFORMANCE HAS DROPPED

Your site may feel sluggish when it has an infection. You can experience slowdowns on your site if you are experiencing brute force attacks or if there is a malicious script using your server resources.



### 3. YOUR SITE CONTAINS MALICIOUS OR SPAM POPUP ADS

There is a good chance a hacker has compromised your website if your visitors see popups that redirect them to another malicious website. The goal of this type of attack is to drive traffic away from your website to the attacker's site.



### 4. YOUR NOTICE A DECREASE IN WEBSITE TRAFFIC

A drop in site traffic deserves an investigation. There could be a malicious script on your site that is redirecting your users away from your site or Google could already be blacklisting your website as a malicious site.



### 5. UNEXPECTED FILE CHANGES

If files on your website have been changed, added or removed, it could be a sign that your website has been compromised. That's why it's essential to have a notification system in place to alert you of website file changes.



### 6. UNEXPECTED NEW ADMIN USERS

Through a compromised user account, it's possible for an attacker can create a new admin user. With their new admin privileges, the hacker is ready to cause some major damage to your website.



### 7. ADMIN USERS REMOVED

If you are unable to log in to your WordPress site, it may be a serious sign of infection. Some hackers immediately delete all admin users to completely control access to a compromised website.