

## **MICROSOFT SECURITY ALERT**

On 11 February 2004, Microsoft released a critical security alert to customers and industry to encourage them to install a security patch that could prevent attacks from worms and viruses on their PC's. The vulnerability has been given a critical alert status. Although there has been no specific attack launched, Microsoft encourages the installation of this patch as a preventative measure.

### **WHAT IT IS THE VULNERABILITY?**

Users of operating systems ranging from Windows NT Workstation, Windows Server NT 4.0, Windows 2000, Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 could be vulnerable.

### **WHAT SHOULD INTERNET DIRECT CUSTOMERS DO TO PROTECT THEIR SERVICE?**

Telstra is advising all Windows customers to update their systems with the relevant Microsoft patch(es) by going to the Microsoft Windows Update site at <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com>

For advice on installing critical updates, contact Microsoft on 13 20 58 or email [aushelp@microsoft.com](mailto:aushelp@microsoft.com)

### **HOW WERE CUSTOMERS ADVISED?**

Customers can subscribe to Microsoft's regular security notifications. To register for these please go to <http://www.microsoft.com/security>

### **ARE APPLE MACINTOSH USERS IMPACTED?**

There is vulnerability for PC emulation software provided by Microsoft for Apple Macintoshes.