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Not So Fast, Zoom:

If Zoom wasn't already on your radar, it is now difficult to ignore. If you're working from home, schooling from home, or just enjoying a social cocktail hour with friends, odds are you have used Zoom in the past two weeks. Photographs of Zoom meetings and meetups have flooded Instagram, Facebook and Twitter feeds.

While undeniably a great tool for everything from business meetings to online dance parties, Zoom does come with its risks. Just yesterday, Prime Minister Boris Johnson tweeted a photograph of his Zoom cabinet meeting, raising certain security concerns. The photograph showed the meeting ID number as well as the user names of certain cabinet members. By sharing the meeting ID number, PM Johnson opened up the meeting to potential "Zoombombing" – when an uninvited attendee arrives and begins disrupting the meeting through use of inappropriate language or sharing a screen of inappropriate images. In a large meeting, an uninvited attendee might arrive and attend unnoticed, possibly learning confidential or trade secret information.

There's no doubt that Zoom is a great program that enables employees worldwide to work remotely while still maintaining a cohesive company feel. But before you Zoom, we suggest you apprise yourself of Zoom's capabilities as well as the risks that accompany those capabilities. We are happy to serve as a resource to talk you through some of the risks Zoom. In addition, we provide some additional resources, below:

<https://www.cnet.com/news/using-zoom-while-working-from-home-here-are-the-privacy-risks-to-watch-out-for/>
<https://www.pcworld.com/article/3535213/how-to-prevent-zoom-bombing-by-being-smarter-than-boris-johnson.html>

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