

MALWARE / SPYWARE / VIRUS PREVENTION



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Bynes Computer Networking Services goal is to keep your computer safe from hackers, Trojans, and viruses.

What is a Virus?

A virus is a small program that sneaks into a computer, usually performs devious tasks and then replicates and spreads to other computers.

How a Virus Can Spread to Your Computer:

- From an infected file or files downloaded from the Internet.
- From an infected file or files you received from an email attachment.
- From infected files stored on external device such as a jump drive, floppy drive, or external drive.

Essential Tips to Avoid Viruses

- Purchase and install virus-scanning software.
- Keep your virus software up to date.
- Beware of files that arrive as email attachments.
- Back up your important files to minimize the potential loss from a virus attack.
- One great way to protect yourself online is to follow the news and keep current with the recent virus outbreaks.

What is Spyware?

Spyware is a type of malware installed on computers that collects information about users without their knowledge. Spyware is typically hidden from the user and can be difficult to detect. Unlike viruses and worms, spyware does not self-replicate.

A Spyware infestation can cause a lot of stability issues with your computer such as:

- Applications freezing
- Failure to boot
- System-wide crashes
- Internet Connectivity Issues

Many spyware programs display advertisements and unwanted programs when trying to access to the Internet.

Spyware Prevention Steps

1. Use Firewall
2. Update your software (Microsoft Updates)
3. Adjust Internet Explorer security settings
4. Download and install antispymware protection
5. Surf and download more safety