

Seven Tips to Prevent Computer Viruses

“An ounce of protection is better than a pound of cure.” Protecting a computer from virus attacks is easier than fixing an already infected computer. The best way to deal with computer viruses is their prevention (yes, prevention is better than the cure). Here are some useful tips for computer users to protect their computers from viruses.

01. Beware of suspicious e-mail attachments.

It is extremely important to beware of suspicious emails that contain attachments. Email attachments are considered to be one of the most common ways for a virus to enter your computer. So, **never** open an email attachment if you are not sure about the contents or if you were not expecting such an email.

02. Browse safely

Stay away from websites that contain forceful and annoying banner ads, lots of pop-ups, unbelievable offers and an overall unorganized appearance. Better yet, use a browser ad blocker to avoid malware ads.

03. Avoid unknown browser plug-ins

Most of the innocent looking plug-ins you install (not the ones with good reputation over the years) have hidden agendas. Although they claim to do miracles with your computer, once you install them, they can slow down your computer and may expose you to various threats. Spyware, that can collect your sensitive personal information, may be bundled inside unwanted plug-ins. So, avoid browser plug-ins from unknown websites and when installing software programs (like games, free programs, etc.).

04. Install an antivirus suite

Gone are the days that antivirus is all the protection one would need. The modern solution includes an antivirus suite that provide anti-virus protection and anti-malware protection which are sophisticated enough to protect your computer from viruses, malware, Trojans, spyware, adware, worms, potentially unwanted programs and other malicious software. Also, remember to keep your antivirus subscription active and your antivirus software updated.

05. Avoid pirated software

Although torrents and pirated software appears to be a cheaper alternative at first glance, they may contain malicious code than can do considerable damage to your PC including stealing pictures, money, and more.

06. Scan regularly

You need to perform a thorough (deep) scan on your computer with your installed antivirus suite. Make sure all the files and drives in the computer are scanned. Make it a habit and do it regularly. If your antivirus program features a scanning schedule, use it.

07. Keep Your Operating System Updated

Windows and Mac users alike should keep the operating system updated which will fix known security issues that hackers and viruses can exploit.

In addition to what is mentioned above, it is a good idea to back up your files to an external storage device or online for additional protection. This can become handy in case of a virus or physical damage to your computer.

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