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As computer and Internet have become the ubiquitous components in every walk of life and people are getting more and more dependent upon the duo to share, communicate and collaborate feelings, thoughts, crucial business data, etc., it has become essential to give heed to the computer security topic. Email clients, instant messenger and social network are the gateways that can make your system most vulnerable. Internet attackers often ploy people into opening attachments and visiting Web sites that collect personal information or download malicious software (spyware). No doubt, future will witness more such attempts, but that doesn't mean to be submissive.

The fact doesn't remain hidden from Microsoft anymore. Every moment it keeps on updating its Windows, Office, Internet Explorer, Outlook and other vital product lines with the latest security patches. All you need is to just keep on Microsoft Update enabled; fortunately it stays in the same status unless and until there is some external cause binding it to take the other way. Standard one-time virus and malware removal tools like Windows Live Care, Microsoft Security Scanner, etc. are also available free of cost from the website. For permanent security solution you can opt for the Microsoft Security Essentials.

Online computer help portals are also available to guide you in terms of security. Experts can assess the system security settings, configure the Windows Update, firewall and installed security software. You can also take lesson as how to configure the settings related to browser, email client, instant messenger and social network. Use of updated version of browser and web communication tool can pay you off in long term. For instance IE 9 with SmartScreen Filter can precipitate out suspected web and social engineering threats. Whether it's a link in email that appears to be from your bank, fake notifications from social networking sites, search results for popular content, or malicious advertisements, breaching through computer security will become a daunting or almost impossible task for those. Similarly Windows Live Essentials, the comprehensive communication portal, in the latest avatar features Family Safety component. It will allow you to have a check on the online activities of your kids. It can restrict searches, monitor and block or allow websites, and decide who your kids can communicate with in Messenger or Hotmail.

Despite all Windows based protection features, sometimes, you have to rely upon third-party antivirus or Internet security products. Though, there are abundant products in the market that are available for online downloads. However, getting any of the security software will not give you the dividend. Seek experts from computer technical support portal or forum to know about the best protection to go with your Windows version. Read antivirus reviews that are often featured though their blog update. The information is usually backed by the report of the noted software testing firms like AV-Test.org, AV-Comparatives, VB100, etc.

Some online PC repair portals are benevolent enough to provide you with end-to-end solutions accompanied with relevant video tutorials to fix virus borne issues. You can download security and optimization tools to clear off viruses and malware and remove unwanted programs, temporary files, defrag hard-disk and registry settings.

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