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How to Avoid Computer Virus Infections by [UmerSheikh](#)

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This article has been designed to educate users about virus infections and what practices they can use to keep these away from their favorite computer(s). Compiled from various sources, the information is designed only for informational purposes and is not necessarily biased. Does the term 'computer virus' raise an alarm in your mind or send a chill down your spine? Well, it is a thing to be cautious about due to the widely spread range of malicious viruses, spy ware, Trojan horses, worms, key loggers, and ad ware among others that when enter a user's computer destroy the vital data like passwords (if you save them in computer), bankfinancial information, emails, or capture and lock the system and demand money in return. Other than that, these viruses replicate themselves and eat up a computer's memory and make it slow like hell.

There are so many varieties of virus infections with many under development that it's totally impossible for users to avoid them. Therefore, users often have an antivirus program installed on their computer and/or have taken online virus removal services that keep them safe and protected from undesired virus infections. It is just not about installing security programs or taking online virus removal help to keep your computer protected, it is actually about practicing safe computing. How many of us really care about not to click on any unwanted pop-up or opening an attachment from the sender who is not known to us? A very few of us as we think that since we have already got a strong security program installed on our computer, we don't need to care really these things. However, safe computing does matter. Read the below mentioned guide about must dos and don't about computing.

Instructions:

Download (if you don't already have one) and install an best antivirus software from any trusted website like Microsoft, Kaspersky, Norton, Avira, Avast, McAfee, Panda, and Zone Alarm among others. You can choose from a wide range of free or paid antivirus programs as per your convenience. When done, save the file to an easily accessible location and then run it as an administrator. Follow the wizard's instructions and complete the installation procedure. When prompted, reboot your computer in order to let the changes take place. Run a full or custom scan (I would recommend full scan) regularly on your computer to detect and remove the unwanted infections. It is must to update your antivirus on a regular basis to avoid your computer from coming into interaction with everyday mushrooming threats. Regularly download and install Windows or Mac updates to your computer. You can set your computer to automatically download and install the latest updates whenever these are available. You can also download and install additional security tools for stronger protection from worst kind of infections that don't easily come into notice of your antivirus and stay inside your computer to destroy it fully. You can choose from a wide range of available tools like Zone Alarm, Windows Bit Defender etc.

Never click on any fake alert that abruptly surfaces on your computer saying that your computer's security is at risk or it is infected. Just close the program by clicking on the 'X' button. Thereafter, immediately run a full system scan to detect the virus infection that released this warning on your computer. Never open an email or attachment from an unknown sender. It may contain malicious virus infections. Most of the advertisers (excluding the legitimate ones) embed viruses etc. in their emails in order to steal a customer's personal or financial information. While surfing the internet, never click on any pop-up or alert that appears abruptly, insisting you to buy or check out offers etc. These pop-ups often contain malicious viruses that direct you either to the intended developer's website or fake/adult websites. Never use pirated disks to download or share audios, videos, or programs etc. Never share the infected disks as these will infect your computer and the data stored

inside. Practice safe computer to remain safe from the dangerous virus infections.

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