

Anti-Spyware Software

Where do I get Anti-Spyware software protection?

Anti-Spyware software is available at any electronics store, either online or offline.

Some Anti-Spyware vendors include:

Symantec

www.symantec.com

McAfee

www.mcafee.com

Microsoft

www.microsoft.com

Webroot

www.webroot.com

Spywaredoctor

www.spywaredoctor.com

How do I know if I already have Anti-Spyware software? Check the list of programs on your computer to verify if Anti-Spyware software is already installed on your computer. Look for program names that may match one of the vendors listed above.

Is spyware more dangerous than malware (viruses, worms, trojans)? Spyware collects data and shares it with outside parties without your knowledge. It's made more dangerous when combined with malware and spread by cyber criminals. That's why it's important to have both Antivirus and Anti-Spyware protection.

Can I combine Antivirus and Anti-Spyware software? Most Antivirus software vendors offer protection from spyware within their products or as a separate purchase. Be sure to verify that Anti-Spyware protection is included, or purchase a separate Anti-Spyware software package.



CHECKLIST

How To Protect Your Computer

- Install Anti-Spyware software on your computer.
- Keep your Anti-Spyware software license current.
- Read software agreements to understand exactly what applications are being installed on your computer.
- Only download items from the Internet from trusted sources.

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Anti-Spyware software protects against another kind of malware, called spyware.



About Spyware:

Spyware is a type of program that monitors a user's computer activity, collects information about a user without his or her knowledge, and then provides that information to a third party.

Spyware can be benign (like collecting information in order to show the user a targeted advertisement) or malicious (such as attempts to commit fraud).

The most dangerous spyware is usually combined with a trojan or other malware and spread by criminals trying to obtain passwords, user IDs, account numbers and other sensitive data in order to commit fraud.

Most spyware finds its way onto computers via the Internet. Web downloads and JavaScript files are popular ways to transmit spyware as they can be embedded in other programs and are self-executable, meaning they execute without any assistance from the user.

About Anti-Spyware Software:

Anti-Spyware software works much like Antivirus software:

Prevents Spyware

Anti-Spyware software prevents spyware programs from collecting information on your computer and providing it to unknown parties.

Detects and Removes Spyware

Anti-Spyware software detects and removes spyware from your computer using a library of spyware file definitions and cures.

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