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Our second issue!

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How secure is your computer?

Keeping everyone out of your computer and keeping all your data in your computer is often a very difficult task! There are many different things out there that can cause you major problems. SpyWare, Ad-Ware, Backdoor programs, and viruses are just a few of the dangers you must defend yourself against while using the internet. With the advent of high speed internet access, these agitators are now easily spread across the internet to thousands of users in a matter of minutes. You do not want to be one of these statistics!

There are many ways to keep your computer and data safe, and we will discuss a few here. The first and most important program you need is a virus scan, but just having a virus scan won't keep you safe. You also need to

go to the company's website and get the latest updates at least once a month and anytime a new virus alert is issued (you can check our website for virus information). Keeping your anti-virus files up to date is essential to your computer's health! You can also add a firewall program that keeps your computer hidden from attackers.

Many customers have contacted us because their internet connections seem to be getting slower and slower, and many have

reported receiving pop up ads that make using the computer almost impossible. You can combat these annoying programs by downloading ad-Aware (see article below). This program will remove any spy-ware programs that are collecting anonymous data about your computing habits. You can also block pop-up ads by downloading a pop-up blocker (found at: www.download.com). This program will stop the ads from "popping" up on your computer screen!

By keeping all these programs updated and running them at the recommended times, you can keep your computer and your data safe! Without these programs, your computer is more susceptible to attacks or break-ins that can disable your computer and put your information in the wrong hands!



More storage space = saving the planet!

Over the holiday season, many people have received new or upgraded computers. This raises the problem of what to do with your old computer. Too many times the answer is to just throw it out. That solution only creates more problems for everyone in the long run! Each computer contains harmful chemicals that, over time, can leak into and poison the environment. There are several alternatives to disposing of your computer. You can donate your used computer to a program or local charity.

The following site contains many links to places to donate your old equipment:

<http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/electronics.htm#reuse>

This is just one example of the many organizations that you could donate to. This can also save you some money because you can claim the donation on your taxes!



AD-AWARE UPDATES

Many of you have Ad-Aware installed on your machines. (If you don't, you can download it from <http://www.download.com>). Make sure to click on the "check for updates" link when you first start the program. This will go out to the internet and check for any new files to run the program. And because new Pop-ups and AD software come out all the time, you need the newest files to stop these from slowing down your computer!

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