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The Good, The Bad, And The Downright Malicious.

The amount of information and opportunities on the web is enormous. With a good search engine it is easy to use, has the most up-to-date data, and some-



times is the only way to find or purchase something unique. There are even some great free programs out there, at legitimate spyware-free sites like

downloads.com and Snap-Files.com. But sometimes we get tempted by a free screen saver, a game, or something that just looks interesting. Along with the freebies come spyware that slows down your computer, or something worse, it opens you up to a virus, identity theft, your files could be held hostage by ransomware, or your computer gets used for illegal activities that can be traced back to you.

What can you do to protect yourself? Every day we have people contact us who thought they were doing the right thing. A message popped up claiming that their PC was at risk. Of course they

wanted to remain safe so they clicked on the “fix it” button only to have spyware, a virus, or other malicious software downloaded to their computer. Other folks have had a pop-up offer some service they did not want but it also offered to take the customer off the mailing list by simply clicking on a button. Unfortunately, one click on that button, or sometimes anywhere on the pop-up, and it started the download of malicious software.

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How Can We Avoid Malware?

Protect Your Investment! Make Your Computer Last Longer.

A power surge or a spike of electricity can damage or even destroy your computer. A surge protector protects your computer by channeling the extra voltage into the outlet’s grounding wire, preventing the surge from flowing into the computer. In addition to power spikes, power drops and lower voltages can also damage a computer and result in lost data and shortened lifespan. An uninterrupted

power supply, or UPS, uses electricity to charge a small battery, and then power from that battery is used to deliver clean power without spikes and drops to your computer. The larger the UPS the more time you have to shut down your computer if that momentary loss of electricity turns into a power outage. And finally, even the best surge protector or UPS cannot protect against the millions of

volts in a lightning strike, so if a storm is coming, properly shut down the computer and then unplug your computer, monitor, and other electrical equipment from power outlets to prevent damage.



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One last thing. If you absolutely must buy something online, either use a prepaid debit card that can be reloaded or have your credit card issue a virtual account number to be used only for a specific transaction and specific retailer. This limits the loss to what you had on the card if the site turns out not to be legitimate.

