
Virus and Spam Information

What is a Virus?

A virus is a manmade program that causes an undesirable or nasty event. Viruses are often disguised in games, images or emails with titles such as "Someone nude."

What is Spyware?

Spyware is an unwanted program that creates pop-up ads, steals personal information, monitors internet browsing activity and/or causes websites to be re-directed to advertising sites.

What is Spam?

Spam is unwanted messages found in emails, IM's, newsgroups, search engines, blogs and mobile phone messages. They include legitimate advertisements, but also include fake or false advertisements. Spam messages are designed to trick you and steal your personal info.

What is Phishing?

Phishing is an activity that tricks you into giving your personal info, passwords, banking info, etc. Phishing can be done through email, IM's or on websites. They make you believe that you have to log into your personal account to check your info or change your info. They are usually disguised as a legitimate business that you might deal with.

What is a Trojan Horse?

Trojan horses are malicious programs hidden in legitimate programs. They can be very destructive but don't usually replicate themselves. Because of this, they are not usually referred to as viruses.

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