

SOME TIPS FOR COMPUTER USERS

Use virus protection software. That means three things

- have it on your computer in the first place,
- check daily for new virus signature updates, and
- then actually scan your computer periodically.

Use a firewall as a gatekeeper between your computer and the Internet. Firewalls are usually software products. They are essential for those who keep their computer online through the popular DSL and cable modem connections but they are also valuable for those who still dial in.

Do not keep computers online when not in use. Either shut them off or physically disconnect them from the Internet connection.

Do not open email attachments from strangers, regardless of how enticing the subject line or attachment may be. Be suspicious of any unexpected email attachment from someone you know because it may have been sent without that person's knowledge from an infected machine.

Regularly download security patches from your software vendors.