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Keep Your Mouse & Keyboard Germ-Free

Being in the technology rental industry, we have hundreds of people per year using our keyboards and mice; if you think about it that is a lot of germs. To avoid spreading germs from one customer to the next, we regularly maintain all of our rental equipment by sanitizing them.



It is good practice to clean your home keyboards and mice on a regular basis. Not only will this keep from spreading germs, it will keep your keys from getting stuck from spills and crumbs.

The first step is to buy a can of compressed air and either tip the keyboard over a garbage can and blast all around every key or if you have an air compressor take the keyboard outside and blast away! I actually find this kind of fun and satisfying. The next step is to get either pre-soaked alcohol pads or a bottle of rubbing alcohol and some cotton balls. Simply get the cotton wet and rub all of the keys down to get rid of any visual dirt and grime.

These are very good practices especially for computers that are being used by more than one person.

Something even dirtier than a computer keyboard is the average desktop. According to a University of Arizona report, the average desktop is home to 100 times more bacteria than a kitchen table and 400 times more than the average toilet.

Safety Reminder For Facebook Users

Always remember that it is up to you to secure the information that you share on Facebook.com! Just because you have created an account on Facebook does not mean you are finished. You must thoroughly sift through the ever-changing privacy settings to make sure that you are not unknowingly sharing your private information with the world.



Case in point, a security researcher recently made personal profile information of more than 170 million Facebook users available to the public on BitTorrent--a peer-to-peer file sharing site. This is the type of information that major corporations jump on because the incredible marketing potential. Even if those companies have no immediate need for the information, they want it in their possession in case they find a use for it in the future.

Checking your Facebook privacy settings on a regular basis is always good idea. A good place to start is www.reclaimprivacy.org.

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