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Free Antivirus & Adware Software

Today you must protect your information. Therefore, you must have good antivirus software on your computer. Many of us know someone who is using a computer without antivirus software or any security for that matter. Most computers come preloaded with a trial version of an antivirus software. When that trial subscription expires many people either don't want to pay to renew the software or simply forget about it. Unfortunately, if your computer is not up to date with good antivirus software it will be an open door to very harmful viruses that can cripple your computer.



Fortunately there are plenty of FREE Antivirus, adware, and many other security tools available from www.Snapfiles.com. I highly recommended not only a good antivirus software but also good adware

software. As far as antivirus software goes, [FCR Complete Technology](#) recommends using [avast! Home Edition](#). This is a free, complete antivirus program that is user-friendly by updating its own virus definitions and performing virus scans. It not only defends against viruses but also damaging malware. It contains an email scanner for incoming and outgoing messages. All you have to do is register the software once a year to continue free usage.

Next- adware software; as with the antivirus programs there are many free choices. [FCR Complete Technology](#) recommends using [Ad-Aware Free](#) or [Spyware Terminator](#). Both are free and good choices. Ad-Aware Free is an adware and spyware removal tool that scans your memory, registry, hard, removable and optical drives for known data-mining, aggressive advertising, and tracking components. It then lists the results and offers to remove or quarantine the components. The program detects a wide range of adware/spyware related issues and can be updated with the latest signatures via the built-in update utility. Spyware Terminator has a few more components that Ad-Aware Free does not have. Spyware Terminator is a feature packed adware and spyware scanner with real-time protection that can remove or quarantine spyware, adware, Trojans, keyloggers, home page hijackers and other malware threats. Other features include a file analysis tool, system restore, Locked File Removal, integrated spyware reporting, automatic updates and more.

All of the above recommended software is compatible with most operating systems and simple to use for the average computer user. The best part is that they're FREE so there are no more excuses for getting viruses, adware and other harmful files on your computers!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at Greg@FirstComputerRentals.com.

Identifying Viruses

There are many "symptoms" that help you recognize a virus. Here are 5:



- 1) Your computer is running much slower than normal.
- 2) Your hard drive is continuously running.
- 3) A new home page that you did not select.
- 4) Your computer "locks-up".
- 5) New icons appearing on your desktop.

These are just a small selection of items to look for to help you determine if your computer may have a virus. A longer list to follow in the next "Tech Tips".

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