

COMPUTER VIRUSES

One of the oldest and most common online scams is a computer virus.



I can help keep my computer safe by having anti-virus software installed.



Computer viruses are made to look like something I can trust like an email from a friend or business.



Joe Smith: Meeting



Mom: About that trip...



Amanda Jones: Report

If I get an email from a friend that looks strange I can contact them directly by phone or text and ask if they sent it.

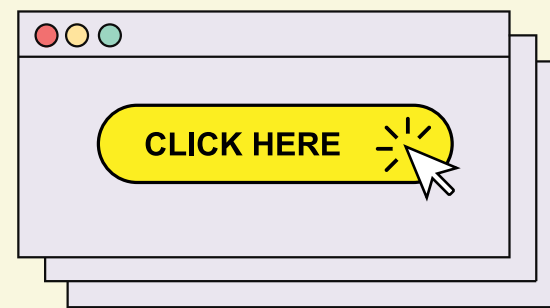
Mom - did you send an email about a trip?



Adware a type of software that fills my computer with ads. I may get adware by clicking on ads online or from downloading free programs.



I can tell that my computer has adware if I start seeing random ads on my computer, my computer is slow, or my home page has changes I did not make.



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Malware is like adware, but much more dangerous.



It looks like a real computer program, but it can be used to steal my information or give my computer a virus.



Malware can let someone take control of my computer and possibly spread the virus to my friends or family's computers.



Malware can be used to get access to private information like health records, bank accounts, or other private information.



Before I download a program I can do a Google search to make sure I am downloading the program from a safe place.



I can help protect myself from malware by keeping my device updated, don't click on pop ups or unknown links, use antivirus software, only get apps from official sites, and don't open email attachments.

