

MALWARE INFOGRAPHIC DETECTED!



Malware is like the OG cyber threat. It's been around in different forms for decades. It's been the subject of movies, conspiracy theories and news stories since before household computers were common.

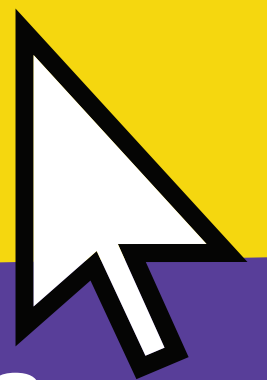
But despite how prolific malware is, you may be unfamiliar with the ins and outs of it. By learning the basics, you can protect your devices from potential disaster.

58%

of Canadians are concerned about malware¹

2 in 5

Canadians have had malware on their computer¹

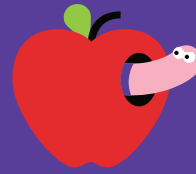


MALWARE ISN'T JUST VIRUSES, BUT VIRUSES ARE A TYPE OF MALWARE



VIRUSES

Malicious programs that can infect your computer and device and spread to others, such as those on your contact lists



WORMS

Malicious programs that are not attached to files or programs and that can activate and make copies of themselves without user action



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Malicious programs disguised as or hidden in legitimate software



SPYWARE AND ADWARE

Malware that collects information about you and your activities for a third party



RANSOMWARE

Malware that locks your device and data until you pay

MALWARE COMES FROM MANY DIFFERENT PLACES

- illegal downloads
- unofficial app stores
- email attachments
- suspicious links

94% OF
MALWARE
IS RECEIVED VIA
EMAILⁱⁱ

AND IF YOUR DEVICE IS INFECTED
WITH **MALWARE**, IT CAN CAUSE



FREEZING AND
CRASHING



POOR
PERFORMANCE



UNWANTED POPUPS
AND TOOLBARS



SENDING OUT
UNWANTED EMAILS



AND SOMETIMES, YOU DON'T
EVEN REALIZE THAT IT'S THERE.

**THAT'S WHY ANTI-VIRUS
SOFTWARE IS SO IMPORTANT.**

YOUR OS CAN'T PROTECT YOU

MANY PEOPLE THINK
THAT NON-WINDOWS
COMPUTERS CAN'T
GET MALWARE.

BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE ANYMORE.



400%

INCREASE IN MAC THREATS
BETWEEN 2018 AND 2019 ⁱⁱⁱ

LET SOFTWARE DO THE HARD WORK

93%

OF CANADIANS ARE AWARE
OF ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE ^{iv}



48%

OF CANADIANS
ACTUALLY USE IT ^{iv}



SO, SINCE WE CAN'T STRESS THIS ENOUGH:

INSTALL ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE

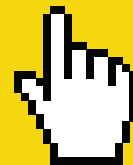
AND FOLLOW OTHER CYBERSAFE PRACTICES LIKE



**USING A VPN
ON PUBLIC WI-FI**



**DOWNLOADING ONLY
FROM TRUSTED SOURCES**



**AVOIDING SUSPICIOUS
LINKS AND FILES**

GET MORE TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR DEVICES AT

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