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Guide To Computer Security

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ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE

An absolute must have. Alright, you already knew that, but I can't stress too strongly the imp

There's a lot of good antivirus software available, both free and for low cost. I'd recommend

FIREWALL

A firewall is always recommended to help protect against unauthorized access to your PC. For a

Whatever you do, don't rely on the Network Address Translation or packet filter built in to yo

If you're buying a particular company's Antivirus software it's worth considering buying their

ANTI-SPYWARE SOFTWARE

If you spend a lot of time browsing the Web (and let's face it, who doesn't?), then spyware is

Some tell-tail signs that you have a Spyware infection are:

- You're getting pop-up ads all the time

- Your default homepage or other settings in your browser suddenly change (especially if you c

- Your computer is slow (there could be other reasons for this, but it's worth checking for sp

There's some good free software available from Lavasoft called AdAware. Microsoft also have th

Spy Sweeper regularly picks up awards from computer magazines.

PASSWORDS

More and more people are accessing secure sites for shopping, banking, etc. Provided you take

If you've been doing any online shopping you'll be used to dealing with secure sites. Whatever

- Be inventive with your passwords. Don't use easy to guess stuff that a lot of people know ab

- Use different passwords for different accounts. If you always use the same one and it's comp

- Don't write passwords down on paper or post-it notes. That's a hacker's favourite way to fir

- Don't get Web browsers to remember your passwords on shared machines or in office areas. If

Having different passwords to lots of different accounts does make it more difficult to rememb

You could look at getting some password management software. Naturally, Norton has a password

WHERE TO NOW?

You don't have to go out and buy every piece of security software right away. Prioritise one c

Be careful on the Internet, but don't let it spoil your day.