

# Be safe when you communicate online

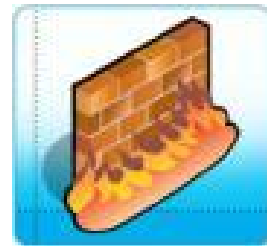
## - Overview



### Use a firewall

Firewalls keep out some viruses and hackers

A firewall acts as a barrier between the public internet and your private computer or network and blocks threats including some viruses.



### Install anti-virus software



Prevent virus infections



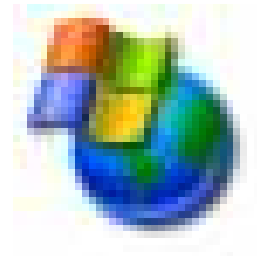
Anti-virus software is one of the main defences against online problems. It continually scans for viruses, including Trojans and worms. To be effective it must be kept up-to-date.



## Get the latest Windows updates

Keep your applications and operating system fit and healthy

As new threats emerge, Microsoft updates its Windows operating system and Microsoft Office applications to block them. However, you need to download the updates regularly to be sure of getting maximum protection.



## Stop spyware

Don't let strangers get inside your computer



Spyware is an insidious threat to privacy and can result in financial fraud. It is also a huge pain to live with.

## Expert advice for everyone



Get Safe Online will help you protect yourself against internet threats. The site is sponsored by government and leading businesses working together to provide a free, public service.

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