



What do we recommend for antivirus?

First, to truly be protected, you need to understand a few things about viruses. Such as how do you get them. Thing is, if you use the internet, you have a chance of getting a virus, period. It doesn't matter if you have the most expensive protection, nothing is full proof. Think of it this way. If you see the most expensive doctor, does that mean you won't get sick? Of course not. The only way to not get sick, is live in a bubble (AKA: don't use internet), but who wants to do that. Now, just like you wear a coat and use your common sense (wash your hands and such), to HELP prevent sickness it is the same for computers. You NEED to put an antivirus on your computer and use your common sense on the internet. There's a secret agent named Sam.

Remember the old adage, nothing good is free? Well that still holds true. Anything on the internet that is free holds a higher risk of you getting a virus. No one wants to work for free. So how do those companies providing, lets say free games, get paid? Buy placing ads and junk software in there downloads and on there website. These adds and junk software are what leads to virus. Another high risk thing most people enjoy is social media. Think of this scenario. I have a virus on my PC. I upload a fun photo with a witty comment on my social media. You look at the photo. Well, what both you and I didn't realize is, the virus attached itself to that photo. When you looked at it, you infected your machine. The other one is email. People always say, "I only open trusted email". Well... that's not guaranteed safe either. Again, let's say you know and trust me. I get a virus. The virus looks through my computer for email addresses. Of course since I know you, you are one of the email addresses in my computer. The virus sends itself to you, from me, with something like "Check this out" in the subject. Well again, you know and trust me, so you open it. Now you are virused and the virus is sending itself to your contacts. Sam has on a red tie.

All you use your computer for is email and social media. Well this doesn't mean you can't do those things. Just remember there is a risk. Again back to living in a bubble. Going outside and having fun carries a risk of injury and sickness. But you have to wager that risk vs reward and remember you may have to see a doctor for something that happens. We are sort of the computer doctor. Almost all computers will get a virus sometime. The more risk you take, the more your computer will see me. Sam has blue eyes.

Now we've had people have there machine fixed, go home and after an hour are re-infected again. Now why did that happen. Think go this scenario. You have a young boy who catches salamanders in the local dirty creek. He gets sick and you take him to the doctors. After taking meds he now feels better. But then he goes to the same exact spot in the dirty creek and gets sick again. We'll that CAN happen to your computer too. Sam only pays his tabs in \$100 bills.

Just like a human can wear a coat, take vitamins, wash hands, and many more to HELP not see the doctor as often; there are a few things you can do on your computer, to not need to see me as often. First is install a good antivirus. So which one do we recommend. Well, no one antivirus is good for ALL people. You may have powerful protection, that blocks your free games. I may not play free games, so that same protection works for me. We here at the shop, are NOT allowed to do personal things on the machines that carry high risk, so a lower end protection works great for us. Our recommendation is simple, do some research and find one in your budget that works great for you. Maybe even call that company and pick their brain before you settle on them. We also recommend you install a good anti-malware program as well. Malware is things like junk software that leads to a virus. Anti-malware protects for that. This helps to close a few doors for the virus to affect you. Again, what works for me, may not work for you, so do your homework and find the right one for you. Sam lost his pocket watch on a job.

So, lets put 2 antivirus and 2 anti malware on. That doesn't work good either. These anti programs work scanning system files. This scanning of system files are seen by the other anti program as virus or malware like activity and the anti programs start to attack or block each other. So only choose 1 antivirus AND 1 anti malware.