



Privacy, Security & Virus Information

McAfee Spyware Prevention Tips

- 1. Install anti-virus software on your computer** and make sure you allow software updates to occur regularly.
- 2. Make sure you invest in firewall software**, especially if you are using broadband Internet
- 3. Make sure you update the software regularly** and invest in anti-spyware software.
- 4. Read all End User License Agreements (EULAs)** with caution. If you see terms that you don't understand or you think are untrustworthy, don't install the software on your computer.
- 5. Although no web browser is immune from spyware applications**, it appears that the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser is the most commonly targeted browser by spyware applications. Try using alternative Web browsers, such as Firefox from Mozilla or Safari from Apple
- 6. The term 'free' software is usually accompanied by a sketchy source** – these sites are often offered as free because they are offered in exchange for accepting adware.
- 7. Ask yourself: why am I downloading this onto my computer?** Will my computer survive without a screensaver or smileys (emoticons) ?
- 8. Never open any e-mail attachment unless** you can verify that a person you know sent the e-mail to you intentionally.
- 9. You are more likely to contract spyware through websites containing pornography, online gambling, get-rich-quick, and other high risk websites.** Try to avoid visiting any of these sites in order to prevent spyware from being hacked onto your computer.
- 10. Set up a regular user account and log on as 'Administrator'** only to upgrade the system or install patches. If you are a business user, do not use your administrator profile for day-to-day work. etc.