

How to Eliminate a Computer Virus

If you have a virus on your computer, you need to get rid of it quickly, and take steps to prevent from getting them in the future. This can be a daunting task unless you have the right tools to do the job. A virus scanner can go over your hard drive carefully and find all known viruses. Once that is done you will need a virus destroyer to eliminate the virus. This is where antivirus tools come into play.

If you have a good antivirus program, it should be able to test your hard drive, find the virus, and destroy it. This is important considering there are over 200 to 300 viruses around the world. Antivirus programs are everywhere. There are so many free as well as paid versions around. You just need to decide what program to invest in.

Norton Antivirus, MacAfee, and Dr. Solomon are the top antivirus programs on the market. Their job is to scan your computer against a known list of viruses. When one is found, the program will first quarantine the virus so it doesn't do any harm. Then the antivirus program will take the virus and destroy it.

When you have purchased or downloaded your antivirus program, you will set up the program to scan all drives and memory. Once you have done all that, you can engage the program. The antivirus program will search your master boot record first to determine if a virus had gotten attached there. If it doesn't find one at this location, it will go to the boot sector of each drive to verify if a virus is there. If no virus has shown up, the antivirus program will proceed to scan all

local drives. After the software has completed a scan of all local drives, a report will be provided, showing you every virus (if any) that was discovered, what happened to it, and the results of the scan.

If you do not have an antivirus program on your computer, you can still get your system checked. Many antivirus software vendors have websites you can go to where they offer you a free online scan of your system. You simply give them permission to scan your local drives and give you the results at the end of the scan. This type of scan takes longer than a disk scan, because you are dealing with a scanner over the Internet. However, it is just as effective.

Don't allow viruses to enter your computer and ruin your equipment. Instead get an antivirus program, install it on your computer, and set it up to automatically scan and monitor your PC. You'll be glad you did.