



## ELEPHANT BOY COMPUTERS

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### Staying Safe or How to Not Have This Happen Again

1. Always have a current version antivirus installed with an active subscription so its virus definitions are up-to-date. Recommended programs are NOD32, Kaspersky, or Avast (free). Understand that if you (and your family) don't practice safe computing, your antivirus/security programs will eventually fail you.
2. Don't do peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing. Examples of P2P programs are Limewire, Emule, Shareaza, WinMX, BearShare. Pay for your music, programs, and videos.
3. Don't open attachments from emails unless you are expecting something. Don't click on links or accept files from any instant messaging programs. It doesn't matter if the attachment, link, or file is from a friend. UPS, FedEx, and Microsoft never send emails with attachments.
4. If you use social networking sites (MySpace, Facebook, etc.), be extremely careful about clicking on any links or ads.
5. There is no free lunch when it comes to viewing certain content (cough, cough). Don't download “free” viewers or codecs.
6. Keep your operating system and programs patched.
7. Malware writers continue to grow even more inventive and the malware itself continues to become even more difficult to remove. Back up your data regularly so if you do get infected, a wipe/clean-install will not be so devastating.
8. Never ever use “Registry Cleaners”. Don't even think about it.

## Some Useful Links

Elephant Boy Computers – start here:  
<http://www.elephantboycomputers.com>

There are sections on my website about backing up, maintenance, basic security/viruses, as well as the EBC Reports. The EBC Reports are occasional emails I send covering various security issues, computing tips and tricks, etc. If you want to be added to the mailing list, send an email to [EBCreports@elephantboycomputers.com](mailto:EBCreports@elephantboycomputers.com).

## Safe Computing

<http://www.getsafeonline.org/>  
<https://www.mysecurecyberspace.com/>  
<http://www.getnetwise.org/>  
<http://www.claymania.com/safe-hex.html>  
<http://www.aumha.org/a/parasite.htm> - The Parasite Fight

## Scam & Hoax-Fighting Sites

<http://www.antiphishing.org/>  
<http://www.hoax-slayer.com/>  
<http://fraud.org/welcome.htm>  
<http://www.quatloos.com/>  
<http://www.scambusters.com/>  
<http://www.scamorama.com/>  
<http://www.419eater.com/index.htm>

## More links

<http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page4.html#Links>