

Safe Internet Surfing

Do These Items:

1. Keep your anti-virus program up-to-date.
2. Anti-virus preview scan all e-mail attachments.
3. Properly configure your firewall program.
4. Know what programs should run on your computer.
5. Use Ad-Aware to eliminate adware/spyware.
6. Install the critical Windows updates.

Don't Do These Items:

1. Recklessly open e-mail attachments.
2. Download free software/music/movies.
3. Give out personal or financial information.
4. Recklessly use Instant Messaging or Newsgroups.
5. Turn off the firewall program.
6. Install software or files from friends without running an anti-virus scan first.

Recommended Items To-Do:

1. Turn off the run of unneeded programs.
2. Use an alias when using public forums.*
3. Firewall lock out the Internet when you are away from your computer and it has been left turned on.
4. Limit or close off file sharing.
5. Clear out Internet Temporary files.
6. Run Disk Defragmenter.
7. Limit the start-up program list.
8. Shut down all equipment when on vacation.
9. Be aware of any unusual computer activity and record what happens.
10. Record error statements that appear.

* Instant Messaging or Newsgroups