

## ***How to Ensure Your System Has Proper Anti-Virus Protection***

While most people are aware of the need to protect their computer from all “malware” that is lurking online today, many are unsure how exactly to do this. Malware is a newly coined term for the viruses and other items that can wreak havoc on your computer system. It used to be these viruses would simply erase data and cause interruptions in computer service. However, today’s malware is able to steal identities, record your web activity, share your files with others and many other frightening tricks.

At en-terpret.co, we have found that just like millions of other people, our clients are often unaware of these dangers and in turn are unprepared to deal with them. We utilize the following strategy when educating them on their anti-virus needs and providing solutions.

1. The first step is to ensure that your system has the most current version of a major anti-virus product installed on every workstation. This means you should purchase a new product annually and not simply update your software. The newer the product, the more likely it will be to detect the latest virus issues.
2. Install two (or more) different products in your environment. For example, use one product at your server and another at the workstation level. Even consider a third for inbound email. The reason behind this double team approach is that if one product misses a virus, the other one can back it up before there are problems. Many companies buy a corporate anti-virus product to install on their server(s) and update all workstations. We feel that this is not a preferred approach for two reasons. First, you are relying on one manufacturer, and second you have a single point of failure (your server) which means workstations may not be properly updated. This is particularly risky if the workstations are mobile as they can’t get properly updated while in the field.

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3. Instill a cautious attitude in your staff and provide regular training on virus protection. People need to know not to open emails or attachments, or click links in Emails unless they are expecting the attachment or link. In a common virus ploy, the document looks as if it is coming from someone you know.
4. There are other tools and products that might be required in special circumstances. One prime example of this is Ad-ware removers.

Computer viruses are just a fact of life in today's online business environment. Be sure your organization is adequately prepared to handle these harmful bugs with proper protection and education. And, when it doubt, call in an expert to help.

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