

# Viruses



A Virus is a program that spreads itself by infecting files. Viruses are dangerous and can shut your computer down. While there are many ways to get a virus, the most common is through e-mail attachments. Here are some things you can do to keep your computer safe and not threaten other computers.



1. Install virus protection software on your computer and USE it.
  2. Don't open e-mails if you don't know who they are from.
  3. Another red flag is when e-mail is forwarded "FW:" or it has an attachment with the suffix of ".exe," ".scr," or ".vsb."
  4. If you do want to open an attachment, scan it through the virus software first. Sometimes even your friends can pass on viruses unintentionally. To do this save all attachments before opening them.
- ❖ There are consequences for creating or spreading a virus. You can be prosecuted as a criminal.

## Some fun e-mail things:

### Acronyms:

BCNU  
BTW  
FWIW  
FAQ  
F2F  
FYI  
ROTFL

### Emoticons

: -)  
;-)  
:-(  
:-O  
:-@

Be seeing you  
By the way  
For what it's worth  
Frequently asked questions  
Face to face  
For your information  
Rolling on the floor laughing

smiley face/happy  
wink  
frown/sad  
yell  
scream