



# Malware Protection Procedure Guide Introduction

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Protection is essential in today's edge that is associated with different forms of cyberattacks. Advancement in technology provided several loopholes that are used by malicious persons to cause threats to various internet users (Bedi et al., 2019). The use of virus and malware has been on the rise in the past decade, calling for effective protection procedures to get outlined and implemented. Further, different antivirus and antispyware need to be adopted for reliability and efficiency in enhancing protection to remain pragmatic.

**The Major Antivirus** The following are some of the three main or leading antivirus **Norton Antivirus Plus**

The antivirus is a very top-notch example that is cyclically instrumental in protecting data, specifically the PC, against malicious operations that eventually would otherwise translate into a significant loss. This form of antivirus is an upgrade of the Norton Antivirus Basic that comes with advanced functions which seek to improve the level of protection and efficiency. Norton Antivirus Plus protect a party from malicious websites by its key feature such as the URL blocker. This option is very important when exploring the internet since it assures the level of safety (Bedi et al., 2019). Any type of download that might appear suspicious get to be detected immediately, and the necessary action aimed at protection implemented. It consists of components like the effective file reputation service responsible for blocking risky malicious downloads and intelligent behaviour monitoring that is concerned with handling a virus that might have manoeuvred its way through. It is capable of capturing and conquering the malware, thereby preventing any associated threat that would otherwise cause subsequent complications. Norton Antivirus Plus is very easy to use and enhance a higher degree of reliability than the basic version. Moreover, the antivirus is extremely rated and possess the configuration option that is essential and subjective to the underlying circumstances.

## **Bitdefender**

This antivirus is significantly reliable and very efficient as far as virus detection is concerned. It is important to note that Bitdefender is cyclically accurate and provides one of the best services when it comes to filtering the web for the purpose of recognizing and blocking sites with malicious activities. The antivirus is equally associated with a secure browser that is critical in keeping confidential data such as bank transactions, among others. Bitdefender comes with a password manager that allows for the maintenance of strong and effective passwords.

The module for anti-phishing that is associated with this product is very efficient and reliable (Bedi et al., 2019). The anti-phishing module assists greatly in detecting and blocking any malicious site. This step is important in enhancing the level of security. The links in search engines that are equally suspicious get blocked by the same module. Such an approach makes Bitdefender highly productive when addressing the issue of general protection against attacks. The antivirus also provided protection against ransomware using the multi-layer ransomware tool. The Bitdefender Mobile App is essential in the scanning process of various activities that are likely to create a security risk. The rates of using this antivirus option are reasonable and highly manageable.

### **Kaspersky Antivirus**

The next type of antivirus that is equally effective in protecting computers, specifically the ones operating under Microsoft Windows, against any form of malicious attacks. The antivirus has been in existence since 1997, when it was launched and has transformed many operations undertaken online by preventing malware from destroying valuable and confidential data (Bedi et al., 2019). Any malicious online activities and downloads are also blocked by this antivirus. Other versions of the products exist, like Linux, which is used for business operations, as well as the macOS, which eventually increases the level of its usability. The antivirus is essential in providing protection against worms, Trojans, among other forms of threats to a particular computer.

### **Two Antispyware**

#### **Norton**

The antivirus that has already been described also provides antispyware services. It constantly learns and adapts to new types of spyware that exist in the current technological era (Kargaard et al., 2018). Options associated with Norton that promote spyware detection and eradication include secure VPN, password manager, smart firewall, and online detection of threats.

#### **McAfee**

The package that comes with this product provides a chance to detect and remove any form of spyware (Kargaard et al., 2018). The critical features associated with McAfee that provide protection against spyware include performance optimization, safe web browsing, and unlimited VPN. It also protects parties from identity theft through dark web monitoring, among other tools.

### **Antivirus Installation Steps**

- Sign in to Bitdefender Central. If not yet signed in, you'll be directed to CREATE ACCOUNT, insert your email address and strong password.
- Proceed to my devices followed by INSTALL PROTECTION
- Then click protect this device from protecting your devices or other devices to install the same.
- Either copy to clipboard or SEND DOWNLOAD link, insert recipient's email and send for download.
- Wait until the download is complete, run the installer, the installation gets updated then the wizard features. Select the language, click INSTALL, then start running using the Bitdefender.

### **Antispyware Installation Steps**

- Log on McAfee website, then click my account or sign in.
- If already having the account insert the credentials to sign in.
- Proceed to installation by selecting the device, click download, read and accept the terms, then complete the process.

### **Process Description Ensuring anti-malware software and data is up-to-date**

Mandate daily updates whereby signature databases and software get updated daily. Enable the automatic update option till the lowest update frequent logical is achieved.

### **Running Regular Malware Scan**

Enable the automatic scan when the computer is idle, as well as mandating daily fast scans or complete scan after two weeks if the first option is unavailable.

### **Steps to Follow Anytime Malware is detected**

#### **Immediate Reaction**

Stop working immediately but leave the computer on.

#### **Who to Contact**

Call the Service desk

#### **What information to collect**

Explain to the service desk what happened exactly, provide the email and describe the symptoms of the malware.



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