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Simple Steps to FREE Security Protection

The Six Steps to Keeping Your Data Safe

1. **Use proactive software protection** – Antivirus and antispyware software are entry-level requirement for initial protection. Viruses and spyware can creep into your computer and easily degrade performance and corrupt or even destroy data.
2. **Use a firewall** – Firewalls assist in blocking dangerous programs, viruses or spyware before they gain access to your system. Various software companies offer firewall protection, but hardware-based firewalls, like those frequently built into network routers, provide a better level of security.
3. **Be cautious of suspicious emails from unknown sources** – Unfriendly emails can infect your computer with spyware and viruses.
4. **Steer clear of websites of ill repute** – These are havens for malicious and annoying intruders like spyware.
5. **Keep your operating system updated** – Repair the security holes that hackers love to exploit with newest critical updates from Microsoft.
6. **Consistently backup crucial data** – Backing up to a separate media device, such as CD/DVD, external hard drives, or a USB drive, on a regular basis ensures that important files are secure.

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