

## Re: spyware free scans

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Sue wrote:

- > *Can someone tell me why my posts are being deleted?*
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- > *I had posted earlier asking why Panda/spydoctor and a few others offer free*
- > *online scan, it shows you have numerous infections, you pay/dl it, then once*
- > *you scan you have zero infections. Is this a scam?*
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Obviously. Particularly as there are several effective, reputable, and \*free\* spyware removal tools.

To deal with issues caused by any sort of "adware" and/or "spyware," such as Gator, Comet Cursors, Smiley Central, Xupiter, Bonzai Buddy, or KaZaA, and their remnants, that you've deliberately (but without understanding the consequences) installed, two products that are quite effective (at finding and removing this type of scumware) are Ad-Aware from [www.lavasoft.de](http://www.lavasoft.de) and SpyBot Search & Destroy from [www.safer-networking.org/](http://www.safer-networking.org/). Both have free versions. It's even possible to use SpyBot Search & Destroy to "immunize" your system against most future intrusions. I use both and generally perform manual scans every week or so to clean out cookies, etc.

Additionally, manual removal instructions for the most common varieties of scumware are available here:

PC Hell Spyware and Adware Removal Help  
<http://www.pchell.com/support/spyware.shtml>

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Help us help you:

<http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/fags/smart-questions.html>

You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on having both at once. - RAH