

## Re: firewall

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You are definitely at risk connecting to the internet without a firewall on a cable modem. User have reporting being infected in less than a minute when connected to the internet without a firewall. Since you have a cable modem I suggest you get an inexpensive NAT router/firewall device to protect your computer. They are fairly easy to configure and pretty much set and forget. These devices are made by the likes of Netgear, Linksys, D-Link, and such and can be purchased at Best Buy, etc. or Amazon. Software firewalls can also be used though I still recommend a NAT router device. They usually cost about what a month or two of high speed access costs. See the link below for more tips on protecting your computer as a firewall is just one step to securing your network. --- Steve

<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/protect/default.aspx> --- Protect your PC tips.

<http://www.newegg.com/app/viewproductdesc.asp?description=33-122-011&DEPA=5>  
--- example of a NAT router that also has wireless access, though you would want to disable the wireless access if you do not need it.

"Old Bob" <OldBob@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:DDE87915-D481-4762-800D-7F0B1E9C1E35@microsoft.com...  
> *Please excuse my ignorance, but I know w2000 does not have a firewall. If*  
> *I*  
> *am on a cable connection, is my computer at risk when shut down? If I am*  
> *just a casual user do I need to worry about this?*