

## Re: Spyware/Adware

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Technophobe wrote:

- > *I had a message that my PC is infected by Spyware/adware this morning and it*
- > *took me to PSGuard.com to install something to disinfect my PC. is it OK to*
- > *use this or should I use something else?*
- > *any advice greatly received*

I'm usually wary of something telling me it found something and then pointing to a website for a fix.

I did a quick Google search and it seems that in some cases there is a malware/trojan/virus called PSGuard.

Not sure what the connection is between that and the supposed anti-malware/anti-virus utility at PSGuard.com.

If you don't already have utilities to deal with this stuff some of the better known are LavaSoft's Ad-Aware and Spybot Search and Destroy for spotting adware/malware. I use AVG Anti-Virus for virus detection.

Ad-Aware

<http://www.lavasoft.de/>

Spybot Search and Destroy

<http://www.spybot.info/en/index.html>

AVG Anti-Virus

<http://www.grisoft.com/>

Though I've never tried them you can have your system scanned online from Symantec.

<http://www.symantec.com/index.htm>

Marc