

Re: Virus & Spyware

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Breeze wrote:

There are so many different programs out there to run on the computer to catch viruses and spyware. I currently have Norton 2006, Spybot S&D and Adaware.

I run all three on a daily basis and yet when I ran into a problem with my Windows and reported it to Microsoft I received a reply to go to safetylive.com. When I ran the protection there it turns out I had 18 threats on my computer.

Why weren't these picked up by Norton, Spybot S&D or Adaware?

Hopefully you meant <http://safety.live.com> (note the extra dot), safetylive.com is something rather different.

Without knowing what threats it warned you about, it is impossible to say. It could also be that the problem is the live site is wrong – it's still a 'beta' tool, beta being the term for a system that is still undergoing testing and may not work quite right yet.

Is there any other program out there that I should also be using to protect my PC?

It could be that the current programs you have are out of date, or not configured correctly. You also need to think about the sort of sites you're visiting – it may be that one of them is less friendly than you think and you're exposing your system to problems that could be avoided.

It helps to think of anti virus and anti spyware programs like a seatbelt and airbag in a car – it doesn't matter how good your seatbelt and airbags might be, it still isn't a good idea to drive dangerously.

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I'm always surprised at "professionals" who STILL have to be asked "Have you checked (event viewer / syslog)".