

Re: Rogue Spyware Programs

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Bruce Chambers Wrote:

BonnyC wrote:–

Can anyone help me figure out which of by antivirus programs are ok to use?

I have downloaded the following programs to my comp (XP)
AOL Security Antivirus, Firewall, spyware (THESE ARE NOT WORKING FOR ME)–

Anything from AOL will be nothing but trouble. Remove it.

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Spybot (I deleted this one)–

Spybot Search & Destroy is a good product if kept properly updated.

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Adaware (Lavasoft)–

Ad-Aware is a good product if kept properly updated.

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Win Rocket (Acentive)–

Never heard of it.

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Avast antivirus–

AVast anti-virus is a good product if kept properly updated.

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I purchased the following from PC Tools:

Spyware Doctor with Antivirus (6/5 was the first time this would update

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in months)
Registry Mechanic

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Anything from PC Tools is essentially "snake oil;" especially the Registry Mechanic. Get rid of it.

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PCTOOLS has alert me that I had a HIGH PRIORITY *"Rogue antivirus"*
on
my comp: Avast

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As a demonstration of PC Tools' worth, no doubt! This may be due to a

conflict between PC Tools' Anti-virus and Avast, as having multiple
anti-virus applications performing real-time tasks is almost certain to

cause problems.

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Now I'm freezing up!

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Lose the PC Tools products. It may be necessary to perform a repair
installation of the OS to undo the damage done, particularly by
Registry
Mechanic.

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Bruce Chambers

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They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary
safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. –Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. –Bertrand
Russell

Thank you!

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BonnyC