



Computer security checklist

Actions you can take

- Install **antivirus** software and configure **updates** to be done automatically.
- Install a **spyware blocker** and configure **updates** to be done automatically.
- Install a **firewall**.
- Copy and safeguard **important files**.
- Completely shut down **computers connected to the Internet** when they are not used for long periods (evenings, nights, weekends, etc.).

Actions that require expertise

- Configure updates of your **operating system** (e.g., Windows) to be done automatically.
- Configure **updates** of all of your **software** to be done automatically.
- Create a **"Restricted Access"** account (and not an administrator's account) to surf the Internet.
- If you have a **wireless network**, make sure you secure it properly:
 - Change the default administrator's password.
 - Change the default SSID (identifying name of this wireless router).
 - Disable the SSID broadcast by the router.
 - Activate the encrypting of the wireless connection.
 - Restrict access to your wireless router using the number of each authorized computer.
 - Activate AP isolation, which prevents wireless clients in your network from talking to each other.
 - Do not allow management of the router via wireless connection.