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Antivirus 2008 & 2009 Explained

WHAT IS IT?

Antivirus 2009 is a spyware program from the same family as Antivirus 2008 and Doctor Antivirus. They are installed and advertised through the use of misleading web sites that attempt to make you think your computer is infected with a variety of malware.

Once installed, Antivirus 2009 will scan your computer and list a variety of fake infections that can't be removed unless you first purchase the software. These infections are fake, though, and only being shown to scare you into purchasing the software.

Antivirus 2009 is a scam and should be treated as such: do NOT download or buy it.

When Antivirus 2009 is installed Internet Explorer will display fake messages which include:

- Pos up a line at the top of the Internet Explorer stating an infection was found
- adds a false Google homepage stating Google detected that your computer was infected.
- Generates many false messages regarding viruses or system problems.

Antivirus 2009 uses false information to scare you into purchasing their software.

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

Antivirus2009 uses Trojans to spread (a Trojan is an uninvited program which drops other unwanted programs on your PC). These Trojans lurk in websites offering free downloads of screensavers, videos and music add-ons for your PC, and, upon entering the system, floods the user with pop-ups and fake system notifications. The Trojans can also be included with other free downloads or shared files from others (Lime wire, Ares, Bear Share and other file sharing software). Sample message windows for Anti Virus 2009 are shown on the next page.

WHAT TO DO?

Stop using the computer immediately and notify the person in your organization responsible for I.T. They will diagnose and get assistance.

Do *NOT* click on ANY messages or buttons as you will make the problem worse.

MORE INFORMATION

If you are unsure what to do or need assistance in removing this spyware please call our office at 1 800-367-9672.

Sample Anti Virus 2009 messages:

