

Public service announcement

Protect Yourself Online: Safeguarding Against Harmful Links

As technology advances, so do scam tactics. The most significant threats we encounter are the potential dangers of unsafe links and malicious downloads. The importance of maintaining online safety cannot be underestimated, and in this public service announcement, essential tips on how to avoid accidentally downloading a virus and protect yourself online will be provided below.

1. Check the URL:

Before clicking on a link, examine the URL carefully to ensure its authenticity. Hackers may disguise malicious sites with similar-looking URLs to trick users. Be wary of minor misspellings or extra characters in the link, as these are ways to potentially spot a sign to a scam.

2. Utilize Security Software:

Invest in reliable and up-to-date security software to protect your devices from viruses and malware, etc, VPM extensions McAfee. These tools can provide real-time scanning and block potentially harmful websites, offering an additional layer of defense against accidental downloads.

3. Beware of Email Attachments:

Email attachments can be potential carriers of viruses. Exercise caution when opening attachments from unfamiliar senders, especially those urging you to click on links or download files urgently. Verify the source through other means before proceeding.

4. Avoid interacting with Pop-Up Ads:

Pop-up ads can be misleading and often contain harmful links. Resist the temptation to click on these ads, even if they claim to offer incredible deals or prizes. Enable pop-up blockers on your web browser to minimize these unwanted intrusions.

Use this link to check your URLs before you click anything

<https://transparencyreport.google.com/safe-browsing/search?hl=en>

