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threats. These system defenders, generally known as antivirus software programs
are designed to recognize and prevent malicious computer code from being
executed without the user's knowledge or permission. According to experts, most
of today's computer users have at least one antivirus system installed in their
computer's hard disk.

Just like mothers advise their children to dress warmly and drink lots of
fluids, like orange juices which contain high quantities of Vitamin C, in order
to protect their health during the cold winter season, so should a computer user
take good care of his or her personal CPU. First, it is important to be aware of
the different types of viruses that exist and also to know how they work. But
most importantly, one has to keep his or her computer current with the latest
updates and antivirus tools. Knowing which the recent threats are is not enough.
It is of immense significance to frequently update the antivirus program
installed and to follow some simple basic rules when surfing the Internet,
downloading files, and opening attachments. According to those who had suffered
from malicious code, it does not matter what is the type of virus that your

computer has been infected with, or through which method it was led to your computer's hard-disk, as it is critical for you to be able to remove it and to prevent any further damage from taking place.

Towards that direction, computer developers have developed antivirus software systems, Internet firewalls, and antispyware programs. Each of these methods can decrease the possibility of a computer being affected by a dangerous virus, but nothing can guarantee 100 percent that a computer will stay virus-free forever. The only thing one can do towards that direction, is to continue improving his or her computer's security by keeping the firewall system up-to-date and maintaining a current antivirus software subscription. Following the generally accepted guidelines, of never opening an email attachment coming from an unknown sender or avoid downloading programs from not-trusted sources, can lead to a safer online navigation. These simple rules, along with the performing frequent system updates and keeping backup data files, might be the only methods computer users have so as to continue enjoying a virus-free life.