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Bye-Bye Pop-Ups And Computer Slowdowns! Learn More About Spyware Removal.

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The difference between spyware and adware is knowledge and consent of the user.
Because spyware is added without consent, and often can lead to a number of
damaging effects to a computer, spyware removal is a popular subject for
computer users today.

The first step in spyware removal is of course determining that you indeed have
spyware installed on your computer. Chances are, you do. In a study conducted by
America Online and the National Cyber Security Alliance in 2004, it was
estimated that 80% of computer users across the world have some form of spyware
installed on their computer, and 90% of these users are not aware of it.

Some common signs that your computer maybe dirty with spyware are 'pop up'
advertisements that occur frequently and sometimes even when you are not on the
web. These ads can be extremely
irritating to be sure, but spyware can have even more disturbing effects to your

computer. For instance, it can considerably slow your computer down, add hard to remove toolbars to your browser,
change your home page without your knowledge, and cause put away or break down, resulting in lost data.

The good news is there are a number of spyware removal programs available that will scan your computer to detect spyware elements. If it is determined that your computer is infected with spyware, some of these programs are able to remove the infection.

Many spyware removal programs are available free of charge, though they must be updated regularly. Some programs will allow you to scan your computer for free, but will then ask for payment in order to clean the identified spyware. Personally, I'm a little disbelieving of these programs, and stick to the ones that are entirely free of cost. Some good examples include SpyBot, and AdAware.

These spyware removal programs are usually able to get most spyware off your computer. To increase your chances, it is best to run two or even three different programs. You may encounter occasional spyware programs that are especially hateful and will require more complicated measures to remove. Instructions on how to remove these more deceitful spyware programs are often available in technical meeting across the internet, and most stores that offer computer repair are also able to clean spyware as well as viruses.