

## Quick Check for Home Computer Security

This free questionnaire (available at [www.securityviews.com](http://www.securityviews.com) under "Free Security Tools") is for average home computer users, and provides a rough indication of how likely you are to be at risk, based on your computer activities and the security safeguards you employ. It is not a comprehensive assessment and should not be used to assess specific safeguards. Individuals are responsible for performing their own due diligence and risk assessments at all times when connecting computers to any networks.

No.	Online Activities	Yes	No	?
1	I use my home computer to surf the web.			
2	I use my home computer for email.			
3	I use my home computer for online shopping.			
4	I use my home computer for online banking.			
5	I use my home computer for file sharing (eg. Kazaa, Limewire, etc.).			
6	I use my home computer for Instant Messaging or Voice-Over-IP.			
7	I take my laptop computer with me outside the home on a regular basis.			
<b>(A) Total Online Activity Score (Total of Yes responses only)</b>				

No.	Security Protection	Yes	No	?
1	I use a software firewall on every PC in my home.			
2	I have anti-virus and anti-spyware software that updates itself and runs automatically on a regular basis.			
3	I enable automatic updating for my operating system (Windows, Mac, etc)			
4	I use a router that has a firewall built in to protect my home network, and any wireless network components use encryption.			
5	I make backup copies of all my important files on at least a weekly basis and put the copies in a safe location.			
6	My computer account requires a password that only I know.			
7	My folders with important files are not shared or accessible by anyone else using my home network.			
<b>(B) Total Security Protection Score (Total of Yes responses only)</b>				

No.	Security Habits	Yes	No	?
1	I avoid online gambling or adult entertainment sites.			
2	I avoid clicking on links or file attachments in any email I am not expecting, and never reply or forward emails from strangers to others.			
3	I only give my credit card out on reputable sites that provide a security lock symbol in my browser to show it is encrypting my information.			
4	I never click on links in emails that appear to be from any banks.			
5	I occasionally check that virus scans have been running regularly with no problems or errors, and that backups can be restored.			
6	I use hard-to-guess passwords with at least 8 characters, including upper case, lower case and numbers or special characters.			
7	I always lock or store my laptop or valuable peripheral equipment out of site from prying eyes when I am not using them.			
<b>(C) Total Security Habits Score (Total of Yes responses only)</b>				

Net Score (B ____ + C ____ = ____ - A ____ = ____)		
Score more than 10 <b>CONGRATULATIONS!</b> <b>Good Over-All Score</b> Always ensure safeguards match your exposures.	Score 5 – 10 <b>CAREFUL</b> <b>Medium Risk</b> You should do a detailed Self-Assessment and take action.	Score less than 5 <b>WARNING!</b> <b>HIGH RISK</b> <b>Seek Help ASAP!</b>

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