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Computer Virus Scam

Clicking on a pop-up window warning about computer virus threats could have the opposite effect for those who aren't careful.

In the Computer Virus Scam, victims receive a fraudulent pop-up claiming that viruses have been detected on their computer and directing them to click on a link to stop the cyberattack or update security measures. In reality, the alert is the real threat.

Clicking on a fake virus warning can cause damaging malware to be downloaded and expose victims' data and personal information.

HELPFUL TIPS

➢ **Alerts from security software not already installed on a computer probably are fake.**

➢ **Don't click or attempt to close the pop-up window; restart your web browser instead.**

➢ **Run a manual security scan if a computer may be at risk.**

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If you or someone you know has been the victim of a scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency.