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HOW TO AVOID MALWARE



Malware, short for malicious software, is a type of software designed to harm your computer or steal your personal information. It can come in many forms, including viruses, worms, ransomware, and spyware. While it can be intimidating to think about, there are simple steps you can take to protect yourself.

#### 1. Keep Your Software Updated:

- Operating System: Regularly update your operating system (like Windows or macOS) to ensure it has the latest security patches.
- Applications: Keep all your software, including web browsers, antivirus software, and other applications, up-to-date.
- Browser Extensions: Be cautious about installing browser extensions. Only download from trusted sources and keep them updated.

#### 2. Use Strong, Unique Passwords:

- Complex Passwords: Create strong, complex passwords that combine uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Password Manager: Consider using a password manager to generate and store strong, unique passwords for each of your online accounts.
- Two-Factor Authentication (2FA): Enable 2FA whenever possible to add an extra layer of security to your accounts.
- 3.Be Careful with Email Attachments:
  - Unknown Senders: Avoid opening email attachments from unknown senders or those with suspicious subject lines.
  - Verify Senders: Double-check the sender's email address to ensure it's legitimate.
  - Scan Attachments: Before opening an attachment, scan it with your antivirus software.

#### 4. Be Wary of Phishing Attacks:

- Suspicious Links: Don't click on links in emails or messages from unknown sources.
- Verify Websites: Always check the website's URL to ensure it's correct and secure (look for "https" in the address bar).
- Beware of Urgent Requests: Be cautious of urgent requests, especially those that ask for personal information or financial details.
- 5. Use Reliable Antivirus Software:
  - Install and Update: Install reputable antivirus software and keep it updated to protect your device from malware threats.
  - Regular Scans: Perform regular scans of your device to detect and remove any potential malware.

By following these simple steps, you can significantly reduce your risk of falling victim to malware attacks. Stay informed about the latest cyber threats and be vigilant in your online activities. Remember, a little caution can go a long way in protecting your digital life.

### HOW TO AVOID VIRUSES AND TROJANS

In today's digital age, keeping your home computer safe from viruses and trojans is crucial. These malicious programs can steal your personal information, slow down your computer, or even lock you out of your files. Fortunately, with a few simple steps, you can protect your computer and keep your data secure.

1. Install and Update Antivirus Software The most effective way to protect your computer is by using reputable antivirus software. It can detect, block, and remove harmful software before it causes damage. Make sure your antivirus is always up-to-date, as new threats appear frequently.

2. Keep Your Operating System and Software Updated Software updates are not just for adding new features; they often include security patches to fix vulnerabilities. Turn on automatic updates for your operating system and apps to stay protected from the latest threats.

3. Be Cautious with Email Attachments and Links Many viruses and trojans spread through phishing emails. Be wary of emails from unknown senders, especially if they include attachments or links. If something looks suspicious, don't click on it—even if it seems to come from a known contact. It's always better to verify with the sender first.

4. Download Software Only from Trusted Sources When downloading apps or files, use official websites or trusted app stores like Google Play or Apple's App Store. Avoid downloading cracked software or files from unknown sites, as they often contain hidden malware.

5. Use Strong Passwords and Enable Two-Factor Authentication Create strong, unique passwords for all your accounts, and change them regularly. Enabling two-factor authentication (2FA) adds an extra layer of security, making it harder for hackers to access your accounts, even if they know your password.

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## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas can bring on a bout of loneliness for a lot of us. We may not be able to catch up with family and may find ourselves all alone on christmas day. Getting connected with ourselves and what is important for us at christmas is a good start. Next is connecting with others if that is important to us.

Although we may not be able to be with family we can always connect by making a phone call, txt, skype or even write a letter (old School).
Connect with a friend or two and chat over leftovers in the evening.
Say Hi! to your neighbour, you may be pleasantly surprised.
Contact your local community house or citizens advice bureau to see what's happening around your town/city.

Plan a nice outing for yourself through the holidays. Go find that book your always promising to read, maybe it's time to bring out the artist in you? Volunteer your time. Smile at a stranger! People watch - it's so satisfying!!



## HOW TO STAY SANE OVER CHRISTMAS!

#### On the first day of christmas...

It's easy to feel pressured to make Christmas "perfect." Social media and holiday movies often portray an idealized version of the holiday, which can lead to disappointment or stress. Accepting that not everything has to be perfect can help relieve some pressure. Focus on small moments of happiness and connection rather

#### than chasing a picture-perfect celebration. On the second day of christmas...

Gifts, parties, and travel can add financial strain, which is a big stressor for many people Setting a realistic budget and sticking to it can help avoid post-holiday stress. Remember, meaningful gifts don't have to be expensive. Sometimes, heartfelt letters, homemade items, or shared experiences can be more impactful than costly presents.

#### On the third day of christmas...

Amidst the hustle and bustle, self-care is crucial. Take time for yourself to recharge, whether through a quiet walk, reading a favorite book, or practicing mindfulness. This can help prevent burnout and keep you feeling more grounded during the busier days of the season.

#### On the fourth day of christmas...

It's tempting to indulge in sweets and alcohol at holiday events, but these can sometimes negatively affect mental well-being, leading to mood swings and increased anxiety. Moderation can help keep

#### your body and mind feeling more balanced. On the fifth day of christmas...

The holiday season can bring up feelings of loneliness, especially for those who may not have close family ties. Reaching out to friends, joining community events, or even attending virtual gatherings can create a sense of connection. If you feel overwhelmed, talking to someone you trust can provide support.

#### On the sixth day of christmas...

Taking a few moments each day to focus on what you're grateful for can help shift your perspective. Simple things, like enjoying a warm drink, feeling cozy, or chatting with a friend, can remind you of small joys. Mindfulness techniques, like deep breathing or meditation, can also be helpful in managing anxiety and staying present.



#### Support over the Festive Season

(Remember you are not alone; Reach out should you need Support) Crisis Assessment Team (CAT) - Mental Health Crisis and Emergency 0800 50 50 50 24hrs, 7days

Lifeline Waikato 0800 543 354 or free text 4202

Depression Helpline 0800 111 757 Family Violence Information 0800 456 450 Alcohol &Drug Helpline 0800 787 797

Gambling Help 0800 654 655

Outline Gay/Lesbian support 0800 688 5463

Youth Line 0800 376 633

- Quit line Smoking 0800 778 778
  - Health line 0800 611 116
  - Suicide Crisis 0508 828 865
  - WINZ 0800 559 009
  - Need to Talk call 1737

## FUN AND SIMPLE ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME DURING CHRISTMAS

#### 1. Homemade Christmas Decorations

Decorating for Christmas doesn't have to be an expensive or store-bought affair. Get crafty with homemade decorations, which can be a fun and rewarding activity for both kids and adults. Here are a few easy ideas:

- Paper Snowflakes: All you need is white paper and scissors to create delicate paper snowflakes. Try folding paper in different ways and making small cuts to create unique snowflake patterns.
- Salt Dough Ornaments: Mix flour, salt, and water to make salt dough. Roll it out, use cookie cutters to cut out holiday shapes, and bake. Once dry, paint them to create beautiful homemade ornaments for your tree.
- Pinecone Crafts: If you have pine cones nearby, collect a few and decorate them with paint, glitter, or small ribbons. They can make great natural decorations.

#### 2. Christmas Movie Marathon

Snuggling up for a holiday movie marathon is a timeless way to spend Christmas at home. Make it special by creating a cozy setup with blankets, pillows, and hot chocolate. Prepare a list of classic Christmas movies or family favorites, and let each family member choose one to watch. This is a great way to slow down, relax, and enjoy the season together.

#### 3. Gingerbread House Decorating

Building and decorating a gingerbread house is a classic Christmas activity that's as delicious as it is fun. You can make gingerbread from scratch or buy a ready-made kit. Set up a decorating station with icing, candies, gumdrops, and sprinkles, and let everyone get creative. It's a fun way to bring family and friends together, and you'll end up with a tasty treat as a bonus!

#### 4. Christmas Storytime and Book Exchange

Reading holiday stories is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Choose a few Christmas-themed books to read aloud together, whether they're classics like A Christmas Carol or favorite children's stories. You can also turn this into a mini book exchange: wrap up books you're ready to pass along and exchange them as "new" surprises for others to enjoy.

#### 5. Holiday Baking Day

Christmas is a perfect time for baking sweet treats. Choose a simple recipe like sugar cookies, gingerbread, or brownies, and get everyone involved in the process. Let kids help with mixing, rolling, or decorating the cookies. After baking, you can enjoy the treats together or wrap them up as gifts for neighbors or friends.

#### 6. Christmas Karaoke or Sing-Along

Bring some musical cheer to your home with a Christmas karaoke session! You can find many karaoke versions of holiday classics on YouTube. Singing together is a fun way to lift everyone's spirits. If you don't have a karaoke machine, no problem—just sing along with the lyrics or play an instrumental version in the background.

#### 7. DIY Christmas Cards

Making Christmas cards by hand can be a heartfelt way to reach out to friends and family. Use colored paper, markers, stickers, and even glitter to make each card unique.

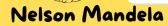
This is also a thoughtful activity to involve kids in, as they can create their own designs and add personal messages. Once the cards are ready, mail them out to spread some holiday cheer.





"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther king Jr.





Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? They woke him up.

string cheese.

How do mice floss their teeth? With

Why can't leopards play hideand-seek? Because they're always spotted.

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If you have anything funny that you think may lift some ones mood email to reception@centre401.co.nz

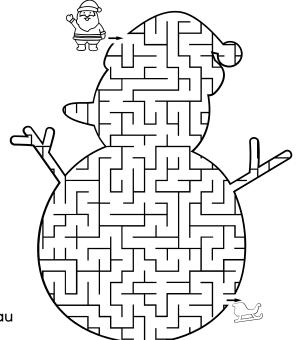
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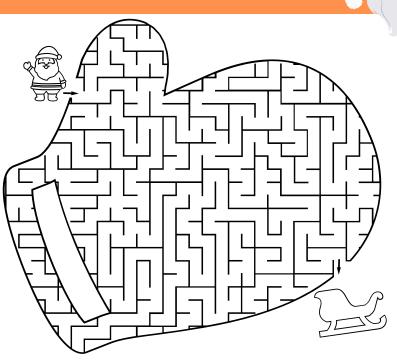
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## PUZZLE OF THE MONTH







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