

How Can I Tell If I Have Spyware?

Not all symptoms are easy to diagnose, but here are some easy symptoms to recognize on any system:

- Your computer is slowing down to a crawl on start up or searching websites.
- Porn sites are popping up in your browser when you are surfing the Net.
- Your computer mysteriously dials up phone numbers during the middle of the night—normally to expensive porn chat lines—leaving you with a huge bill.
- When you enter a search term into your search bar, a new and unfamiliar site handles the search.
- New sites are added to your Favorites list without you adding them.
- Your home page has been hijacked, and the new site keeps coming back even if you remove it.
- You get pop-up advertisements that address you by your name, even when your computer isn't connected to the Internet.