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# The Importance of Computer and Network Security

Keeping your school's computers and networks secure is of the utmost importance. One very important thing to remember is to never open an email attachment from a sender you do not know or trust. Many people wish to spread viruses and think up clever ways to cause damage to computers or computer networks. It is up to us to make sure that they are not able to do any damage. We must be very careful not to fall for their tricks.

Always disregard pop-up messages that claim to help repair security problems on your computer. These may contain viruses, spyware, or worms that may damage the school's computer or cause network problems. Always talk to your teacher about anything that continues to pop-up, so that they can talk to the network administrator about the problem.

Never download anything onto your school computer unless directed to do so by your teacher or network administrator. No one can be sure what viruses might be lurking. If there is a problem with the software it could not only harm the computer you are on, but the virus could spread to the entire network.

School computers need to be protected because they are a very large expense and a very necessary learning tool. I hope I have convinced you to follow these basic rules that will help protect your school's computers and keep them operating effectively for many years to come.