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Firewalls

What is a Firewall?

A firewall is a system designed to prevent unauthorized access to your computer or network (a network is a connection of two or more computers).

Do I need a firewall?

Take this short quiz to help you decide what is right for you:

- Will your computer ever be connected to the Internet or any other computer?

If the answer is yes, you need a firewall.

What Will a Firewall Do for Me?

If your firewall is properly configured and updated, it will stop "most" hackers from gaining access to your computer. A [hacker](#) breaks into your computer to get personal information like credit card numbers, social security numbers, bank account numbers or to use your computer under their remote control to do things like that to other computers.

Keep in Mind

A firewall is not 100% effective. New hacker programs and methods are being developed everyday. That is why firewall applications need to be regularly updated. Updates for firewall applications are a must to keep up with these new methods, just like updates to your anti-virus software are necessary to protect you from the latest virus.