



Computer Medics of SouthSide Newsletter

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Sunbelt's Vipre Antivirus is recommended by Computer Medics as a complete security suite for homes and businesses.



AVG Internet Security is recommended by Computer Medics as a complete security suite for homes and businesses.

*"If We Can't Fix It,
The House Call Is
Free!"*

Windows 7

This past October Microsoft released its latest version of its operating system, Windows 7. It has been a major improvement over the previous release, Windows Vista. Windows 7 starts up and shuts down faster than either Windows XP or Windows Vista. If you have been holding off purchasing a new computer due to all of the negativity surrounding Vista, now may be the time to get that upgraded PC. If you decide to get a new PC then you will need to make sure that you have a way to migrate the data from your old PC to the new one. If you want the programs that were on your old PC, you will need to have the installation disks or files available. Also, you will need to verify that any programs you need are compatible with Windows 7. Once you make the decision to upgrade but are not comfortable with all of the steps necessary to complete the upgrade, Computer Medics is always available to help you. Just give us a call and we can schedule a time to come out and get your new system working for you.

Viruses/Spyware

Recently there has been an increase in the occurrence of spyware that masks itself as antivirus/antispymware (AV/AS) programs. These programs will turn off your actual AV/AS software. It also will register itself with Windows as your computer's protection. The best way to protect against this is to have your AV program up to date. Also, beware of the websites you visit. Most sites that offer free downloads of videos, music and the like, have a higher occurrence of attacks. So, visit these sites with caution, if you must use them. This recent increase in virus/spyware has been at the root level of the operating system using software referred to as rootkits. Only software that is designed to catch this rootkit activity will help prevent/remove them. The free versions of AV/AS software usually do not protect against rootkits. Sunbelt Software's Vipre Antispymware and AVG Antivirus are programs that do protect against rootkits. If you want to upgrade your free version to one of these full version AV/AS programs just contact us and we can work with you to find out which is the best solution for your situation.

Help Wanted

One guy was on duty in the main lab on a quiet afternoon. He noticed a young woman sitting in front of one of a workstation with her arms crossed across her chest and staring at the screen. After about 15 minutes he noticed that she was still in the same position only now she was impatiently tapping her foot. He asked if she needed help and she replied, *It's about time! I pushed the F1 button over twenty minutes ago!*

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