

Malware and Device Infections

What is malware?

Malware stands for “malicious software” - sneaky programs that get into your phone, tablet, or laptop without you knowing. They can spy on you, steal your passwords, or even break your device.

You might accidentally get malware by:

- ➔ Clicking a dodgy link
- ➔ Downloading a fake app or cheat
- ➔ Opening a file from someone you don't know

Your device is acting weird if:

- It keeps crashing, overheating or going slow
- You see pop-ups or weird apps you didn't install
- Your battery drains super fast
- Your accounts log out or your passwords don't work
- Your antivirus stops working

Avoid malware issue by:

Only download from official app stores

Keep apps and system software updated

Don't click random links, even if they come from mates

Use antivirus protection and keep it on

Back up your files just in case

Delete old apps you don't use

What to do if you think you have downloaded malware

1. Disconnect from Wi-Fi
2. Run a full antivirus scan
3. Delete anything dodgy
4. Back up your stuff
5. Reset your device if needed
6. Change your passwords from a clean device

Need help? Visit our resource hub or speak to a trusted adult

