

Protect your Lodge from data loss



Virus Attack; How safe are you ??

According to a recent survey 81% of computers using the Web are not fully protected.

Computer viruses can cause havoc in your PC's and Laptops for example, the incident that made big news recently was the **Mydoom worm**, which experts estimate, infected approximately a quarter-million computers in a single day., The **Melissa Virus** was so powerful that it forced a number of very large companies to completely turn off their e-mail systems until the virus could be contained. The ILOVEYOU in 2000 had a similarly devastating effect. That's pretty impressive when you consider that the Melissa and ILOVEYOU viruses are incredibly simple.

What's a "Virus"?

Viruses - A virus is a small piece of software that piggybacks on real programs. For example, a virus might attach itself to a program such as a spreadsheet program. Each time the spreadsheet program runs, the virus runs, too, and it has the chance to reproduce (by attaching to other programs) or wreak havoc.

You must protect yourself and your Lodge against Data loss.

What to do?

Make sure you have virus protection installed, working and up to date.

If your virus protection software is not being updated regularly with new virus definition files then your protection software is useless. If you do not pay your annual subscription license then most companies will stop providing updates and your PC or Laptop will be vulnerable to various types of attack, which could result in the loss of your lodge minutes or financial records.

1. You can usually check when your definition file was last updated by doing the following:
2. On the Icon bar at the bottom right of your screen there will normally be an Icon for your virus protector. If you Right click on the Icon it will give a little menu. One option on this menu will be called something like "About Virus Scan" if you click on this option it will show "DAT version"

and “DAT created on date”. If the created date is months old then you are not being updated regularly and should contact your provider.

Data Backup

Creating backups of Windows based systems has never been easier. In the past Tape drives had to be installed or CD drives with appropriate disk writing software were needed. Now we have “USB Flash drives” which are cheap and effective. All we need do is install the drive in the USB port and Windows will recognise it, you can then simply click and drag your critical files from your C drive to your new backup drive.

Keeping a copy of your critical data is the only sure way of recovering from computer disaster.

Remember “*If it can happen it will happen*”