INFORMATION SECURITY GUIDELINE

Anti-Virus Protection

Introduction

1. Anti-virus software is part of a layered defense to protect computers from attackers using malware such as key loggers, worms, Trojans, backdoors, and spyware.

2. This guideline has been issued by the Chief Information Officer to supplement the Securing Computing and Mobile Storage Devices/Media standard. Compliance with this guideline is recommended, but not mandatory. Questions about this guideline may be referred to information.security@ubc.ca.

Sophos Anti-Virus

3. Sophos anti-virus software is currently being supplied to faculty, staff and students free of charge by the University. The University is offering client and management console software. The software is available for download using CWL credentials at https://it.ubc.ca/services/desktop-print-services/software-licensing using the CWL Login button.

Other Anti-Virus Software Tips

4. If using other anti-virus software, ensure it was purchased/downloaded from a reputable source and the following features are enabled:

    a. regular updates with new signature files;

    b. scanning for all files;

    c. real-time protection;

    d. scheduled system scans; and

    e. alerting.

Related Documents

Policy SC14, Acceptable Use and Security of UBC Electronic Information and Systems
Securing Computing and Mobile Storage Devices/Media standard