



## Ransomware Encrypts Your Files Until You Pay

Ransomware is a class of malware that locks your access to your own data by encrypting it. The bad actor holds your data hostage till you pay the ransom. But beware, even after payment you may not get that data back.

## Avoid Opening Unknown Attachments

A very common way that ransomware spreads is through the use of email attachments. If you receive any unexpected files be very suspicious of them - verify they are legit before clicking to avoid infection!



## Backup Data Regularly to a Secure Location

Backing up your data on a regular basis is one of the best ways to protect yourself against ransomware. Having a recent backup in either a secure location, be it offline or in the cloud, will allow restoration without paying!

## Keep Antivirus Software Updated

Your first line of defense for a lot of cybersecurity threats, including ransomware, is to keep your antivirus software's definitions up to date. Regular updates protect you from the latest threats.