

STOPPING BOGUS POPUPS

Popup ads are intrusive, annoying and seemingly everywhere on the Web. Yet, it is amazing how often some computer users will mindlessly click on them. Popups will promise you such things as ridding your machine of viruses with one click. These ads can mask spyware and malware that gets loaded onto your machine behind-the-scenes and without your knowledge. Also, a lot of them are just annoying links to endlessly long surveys that offer a free laptop or iPod, with the catch being that you have to sign up for a lot of paid services that you probably really don't need. The use of a good anti-malware program plus using the popup blocker that comes with a lot of browsers, can help keep the popup ads at bay.

How Can You Tell a Bad Popup from An Important One?

A type of popup called "balloon notifications" are attached to the Windows taskbar at the bottom or side of your screen. These are usually important and should be heeded. Typically, these come from your security software and are announcements that questionable websites have been blocked from entering your computer. Malicious popups typically appear in a window floating in the middle of your screen. If you're unsure, Google the text from the popup, or just close the window by pressing Alt + F4. Clicking the red (close) button in the upper right corner may activate a boopy trap. Don't click anywhere inside the popup window, or you could get sucked into a vortex of cyberslime.

How do you stop popups in Windows Edge?

1. Open the Edge browser.
2. At the top right, click on the icon represented by three horizontal dots.
3. Click on Settings (near the bottom of the list).
4. Scroll down to View Advanced Settings.
5. Confirm that Block pop-ups is toggled to ON.

How do you stop popups in Internet Explorer?

1. Open Internet Explorer.
2. Click on the cog wheel icon that appears near the upper right corner.
3. Click on Internet Options.
4. Click on the Privacy tab.
5. Click on the "Turn on the Pop Up Blocker."
6. Click OK.

How do you stop popups in google chrome?

1. Open Chrome.
2. At the top right, click the icon represented by three vertical dots
3. Click Settings.
4. At the bottom, click Show advanced settings.
5. Under "Privacy," click Content settings.
6. Under "Pop-ups," select an option: Do not allow any site to show pop-ups (recommended)