

# BEWARE OF MALWARE

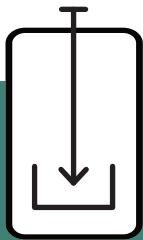


## MAL-ICIOUS SOFTWARE

Malware is software designed to accomplish a malicious purpose. Malware comes in many forms and is harmful to the system it infects.



Malware can be distributed in many ways, for example: via links, attachments and external devices. Malware seeks to invade, damage or disable computers, computer systems, networks, tablets and mobile devices, often by taking control of a device's operations.



Cybercriminals try to entice you to interact with their scam in order to get you to install malware on your device.

**They use links and attachments which can be found in the following:**

> In email or text messages

> On fake social media posts

> On malicious websites

> Through fake app downloads

> On fake adverts

Malware can steal your personal information as well as your passwords and may even contain ransomware! Ransomware is a type of malware that encrypts your data until you pay the cybercriminal a ransom.

**To prevent your personal information from being compromised by malware, follow these steps:**

> Beware of suspicious-looking domain names.

> Only download apps from the legitimate app stores.

> Avoid interacting with pop-up ads.

> Do not click on strange links.

> Keep your operating system and antivirus software up to date.

> Check your apps frequently and delete unused ones.

