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Protect Your Computer And Your Data

(NAPSA)—Internet security is a critical issue these days, but figuring out how to protect your computer, your data, and your privacy can be overwhelming. Fortunately, there are some powerful yet easy-to-use technologies that can protect you against online threats such as viruses, hackers and offensive Web site content. Here are some of the features you should look for:

- **Anti-Virus**—Blocks and destroys malicious viruses sent to destroy your data, such as “I Love You” and “Anna Kournikova,” and automatically updates for continued protection

- **Firewall**—Serves as a barrier to hostile attempts to access your computer, and your personal and financial information

- **Privacy Protection**—Prevents critical data from leaving your PC without your authorization, such as your name, address or credit card numbers

- **Parental Control**—Filters inappropriate content so kids are blocked from Web sites in categories such as sex, gambling and drugs; limits Internet access hours; and monitors the sites that children visit

Additional tools can speed up your Internet browsing. These



Arm yourself against Internet invaders.

include ad blockers (eliminates annoying pop-ad ads), form fillers (stores and automatically enters your information in online forms such as store shopping carts) and password managers (stores, encrypts and organizes your various Web site log-in information so you don't forget your passwords).

Software such as Safeworld Internet Security 2003 combines all of these features in one affordably priced package that is easy enough for any computer user to set up, and even includes free technical support.

For more information, visit www.safeworldsoftware.com.